

### **Option One: Comparison / Contrast**

Select two historical figures to examine in a formal essay comparing and contrasting their documents and intentions. Exercise is due in Turnitin.com, Monday 02.27, beginning of class.

#### Objectives

1. Choices:

Christopher Columbus / Captain John Smith  
Bartolomé de las Casas / Roger Williams  
Thomas Harriot / Roger Williams

2. Find two historical critical essays related to your choice of topics. All sources must be cited.
3. Create a short essay regarding the author's life and writing.  
Detail the apparent agendas and plausible hidden intentions, or motivations.  
*What cultural influences and societal agendas show in their writing?*
4. Essay Length: approximately 3 *full* pages (or more) plus a works cited page.
5. Create a formal and intricate introduction which clearly shows the focus of your essay and leads the reader into subsequent paragraphs.
6. Use five or more sentences per paragraph.  
Back up your views with quotes from the primary research and collected secondary material.  
All body paragraphs must contain at least one quote.
7. Use the correct MLA standards for essay format.
  - Indicate resources by utilizing in-text (parenthetical) citations.
8. Create works cited information to reference material.  
Your course anthology should be listed as one of your sources.
9. *Be sure to proof your work. Points will be deducted for basic grammar errors and misspelled words.*

### **Option Two: Creative**

Develop your own colonial experience by creatively developing your own community.  
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#### Objectives

1. Using an Alternative History concept, develop your own colony in the year 1630 CE.  
Propose an ideal location for your territory within the New World.  
What is your colony named?
2. What type of expectations do you have for your settlers?  
What type of people would adequately work within your society?  
Compare your intentions and beginning history with other English or Spanish colonies.  
Is your concept based on mercantile, agrarian, or religious efforts? Explain in detail.
  - Consider developing a song or short verse to explain a notion of the culture.
  - Consider developing a regional folktale to creatively explain the journey.
3. Create a short essay proposing how you will develop your colonial history and culture.
4. Essay Length: approximately 3 *full* pages (or more) plus a works cited page.
5. Create a formal and intricate introduction which clearly shows the focus of your essay and leads the reader into subsequent paragraphs.
6. Use five or more sentences per paragraph.  
Back up your views with quotes from the primary research and collected secondary material.  
All body paragraphs must contain at least one quote as examples of your philosophy.
7. Use the correct MLA standards for essay format.
  - Indicate resources by utilizing in-text (parenthetical) citations.
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9. *Be sure to proof your work. Points will be deducted for basic grammar errors and misspelled words.*