Rules for Academic Writing

1. DO NOT cut and paste from the internet – this can be construed as academic dishonesty.
2. Cite all sources – failure to do so can also be construed as academic dishonesty – a Works Cited page is ALWAYS required in college writing.
3. In these written reflections use the textbook as a source – you do not need to do additional research for this assignment.
4. Remember to use at least six primary sources in the Written Reflections – these are all on Blackboard.
5. DO NOT use long direct quotations – put the idea you want to express in your own words. Direct quotations weaken your voice in the essay.
6. Proof-read your essay – do not hand in work with spelling mistakes and problems with the page layout – it makes grading difficult and implies lack of effort.
7. DO NOT say “I feel,” “I believe” or in “my opinion” – these phrases are redundant and weaken your writing. The reader assumes you believe something or you would not be writing it. Just make the statement.
8. History requires an analytical thesis – see guidelines on Blackboard.
9. Academic writing requires a formal use of language.