HISTORY 451-A

The World since 1945

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Prompt for Final Paper

     History is the study of change over time.  The primary task of your Country Report will be to describe how your country changed from 1945. There may be periods of rapid change and also periods of slow evolution -  you will have to select which periods of change to emphasize.

     Your report should cover the following areas of inquiry.

      1. International relations.

       2. Politics/ Ideologies.

       3. Economic activity: GNP, demographics; rise/fall of specific industries.

       4. Social/ cultural/ religious aspects.

       5. Environmental issues.

       Seventy years is a long time and the post-World War II world is one of exceptionally rapid change.  As a result, you may be afflicted by the problem of too much information. Remember that the paper should be only 10 pages long (a few more pages is permissible), but you should try to balance your paper between the 5 areas of concern outlined above.

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Prompt for Final Paper Outline

Due Friday 6/23

     Now is the time to begin serious work on your final paper the Country report.

     What I want is 4 pages of outline: sentences are preferable, but topic words for sections of the paper will work.

     Make sure your outline covers the entire paper: beginning, middle end.  Your conclusion might appear in your outline simply as CONCLUSION.

     Don’t be afraid to go over 4 pages – the more you write now, the less you will have to write later.  Also, beware of TMI.  If you go way over 4 pages you may want to cut down of what you are trying to accomplish with your Country Report.

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Prompt for Final Paper Bibliography

Due Monday 6/19

     By now you should have begun to collect references/sources for your country report.

In order to complete this assignment, you need to list them in pretty good (i.e. not perfect) bibliographic form. Following Maura’s suggestion you probably should sort them according to the topics suggested by the prompt:

       First, OVERVIEW

Then

      1. International relations.

       2. Politics/ Ideologies.

       3. Economic activity: GNP, demographics; rise/fall of specific industries.

       4. Social/ cultural/ religious aspects.

       5. Environmental issues.

In my original prompt, I urged you to give a balanced treatment of all 5 topics.  I now see that topics 4-5 may only be critical for some countries and less important for others. Think of yourself as writing a historically inspired analysis advising a businessman or investor about the prospects, problems and opportunities your country presents, especially in light of the history of the last 60 years.

   Incidentally, you may want to arrange references within the OVERVIEW and topical categories sections according to genre, i.e.

     INTERNET

     DATABASES

     BOOKS

     ARTICLES

     MISCELLANOUS i.e. interviews, ephemera etc.

    and then arrange items in alphabetical order according to the main entry or title (the librarians mind)

**The assignment should be no longer than 2 pages and contain perhaps 20 (plus or minus 10) items.**