

## Lesson I. Dealing with Doubt

### I. RESPONSE PAPER

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#### Topic:

Using the information provided in Source Packet I and Lecture I, evaluate the validity of the following statement:

*“The most dramatic and lasting influences on the vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation of the English language spawned from invasions and acts of war instead of peaceful cultural exchange and advancement.”*

#### Content Requirements:

Your response should be composed of no more than 500 words and comprise:

- An informative and meaningful title
- A thesis or topic sentence
- At least three points of evidence supporting your thesis/topic sentence
- Detailed and explicit explanations for how the evidence supports your thesis
- A concluding statement (generally a recontextualized paraphrase of your thesis)
- Proper (Chicago-style footnote-bibliography) citation of the materials (either the lecture or the source packet) from which the evidence comes
- No outside sources—all you need is in the readings and lecture.

#### Formatting Requirements:

- Size 12 font
- 1-inch margins
- Double-spaced
- Header with your name, the due date, and assignment name
- Microsoft Word .doc or .docx file

#### Due Date

Please email me your completed work at [swanberg@post.harvard.edu](mailto:swanberg@post.harvard.edu) by Monday at 7:00 P.M. Any submissions after this time will be considered late and not accepted for letter grading though I will comment it for you.

### II. DEBATE

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In this debate, half of you will support the aforementioned statement, and half of you will refute it. The side for which you are arguing will be selected at random next Wednesday, so you should be prepared for both.