

Lesson III. Identifying Bias

I. RESPONSE PAPER

Topic:

Please identify three points of clear difference in bias between two of the three sources in Source Packet III. You should compare two readings at a time for each point (they can be different readings for each one) as shown in lecture today. Note that each comparison must show a parallel between the two readings (if, for example, you compare the positive portrayal of Liu Xiu in one reading with the negative portrayal of Wang Mang in another, you must summarize the comparison as something along the lines of ‘Reading A depicts an emperor in a negative way, while Reading B does so with a positive angle instead of just saying “Reading A is negative about Wang Mand and Reading B positive about Liu Xiu.”).

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 that briefly summarizes the three differences you see between each set of two readings. These differences do not have to be related, so your thesis is not summarizing a coherent argument in this case.
- Proper (Chicago-style footnote-bibliography) citation of the materials (either the lecture or the source packet) from which the evidence comes
- At least 5 vocabulary words from Source Packets I through III
- No outside sources—all you need is in the readings and lecture.

Formatting Requirements (See Lecture III):

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

Due Date

Please email me your completed work at mihrae.assignments@gmail.com by Monday, October 19. Any submissions after this time will be considered late and not accepted for letter grading though I will comment them for you.

NOTE: Do not forget to write a **coherent paragraph** correctly using all the vocabulary words you missed on your first quiz; please include this in the same file as your response paper. If you did not receive your quiz from me in class today, I will see you at office hours on Saturday (9-11 A.M.) or by appointment through email!