From Critical Thinking to Concrete Practice: Classroom Specifics in History Gateway Courses

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Exam Wrapper

Preparation for the Exam

- 1. How many hours per week (average) did you spend outside of class studying for this course?
- 2. How many of the "Questions to Consider" from the PowerPoints did you answer? When did you answer those questions?
- 3. How many pages of notes (average) did you take per lecture?
- 4. Did you write down enough detail in your notes to enable yourself to recall the information we talked about, even early in the semester?
- 5. Read/watch the following note-taking links and then describe how you could improve your note-taking
 - Watch Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4gWorHP5J8
 - Watch Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAhRf3U50IM
 - Read Tips:https://clas.uiowa.edu/history/teaching-and-writing-center/guides/taking-lecture-notes
 - Read Blog Post: https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/resources/study/notes/

Study Patterns

- 1. How much of the study guide did you complete?
- 2. When did you complete the study guide?
- 3. Look at the study guide. How many of the key terms and questions came from the PowerPoints you were given each week?
- 4. How did you study for the test once the study guide was completed?
- 5. Watch this video on history study skills and this one on test preparation; then describe how you could improve your study skills.

Conclusions

- 1. Which of your study skills helped your performance on this test?
- 2. Which of your study skills hurt your performance on this test?

Suggestions for Improvement

1. How can you change your study skills to perform better on the final exam?

Exam Wrapper Results

	Average Grade on Test 1	Average Grade on Test 2	Average Percent Improvement
Students who completed exam wrapper (n=48)	66.7	73.5	10.2%
Students who did not complete exam wrapper (n=31)	76.3	74.06	-2.2%
All students who took both exams 1 & 2 (n=79)	70.5	73.72	4.5%

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Communication

1. Course at a Glance

2. Assessment LibGuides

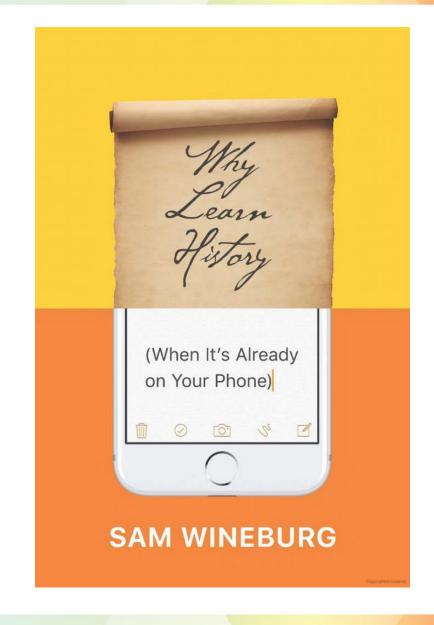
3. Adjunct Liaison

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Historical Thinking Skills

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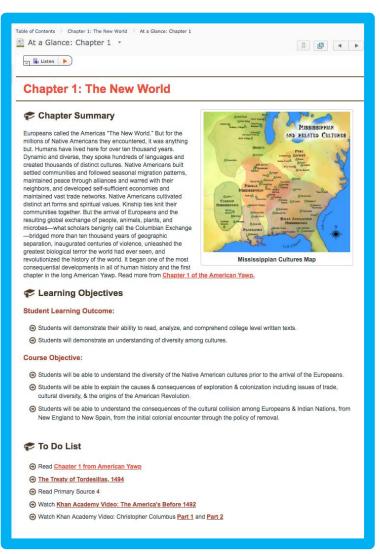


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Master Course: HIST 2111

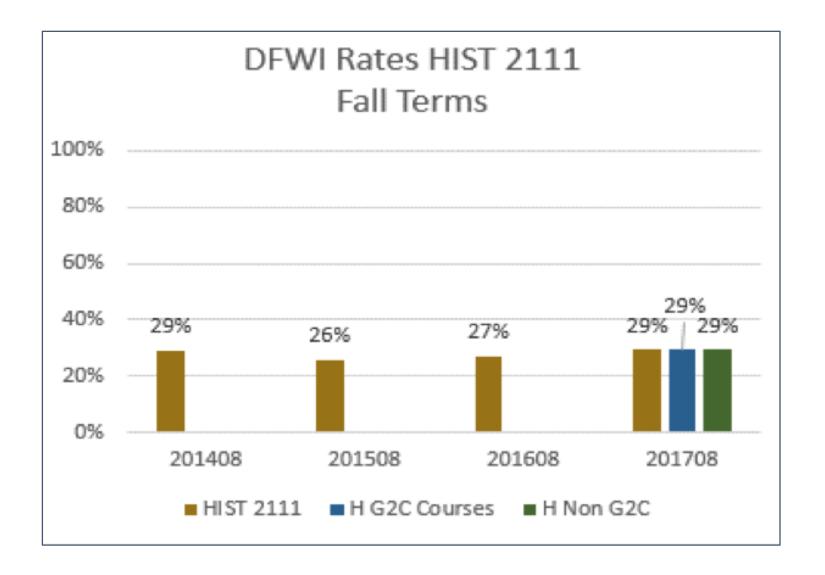


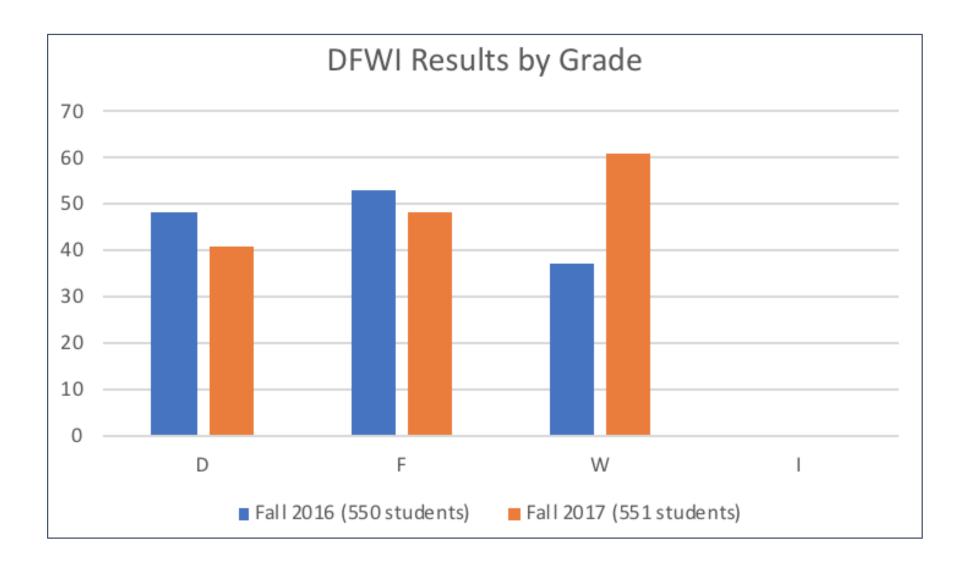
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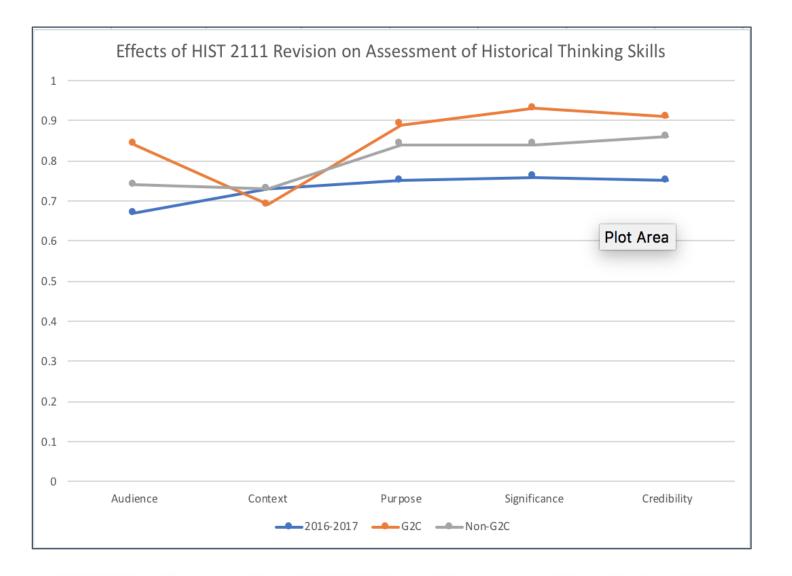
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The Results





Fall 2017 Assessment Results

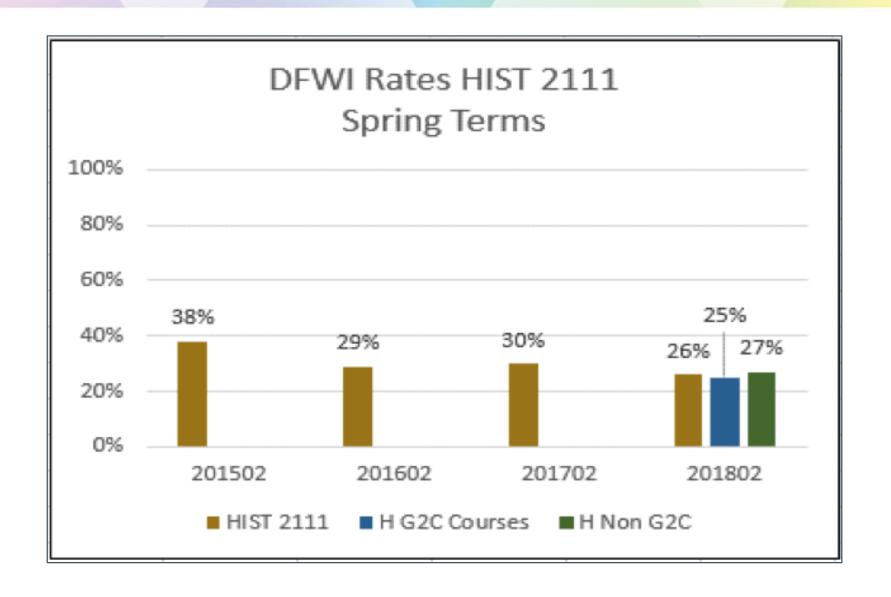


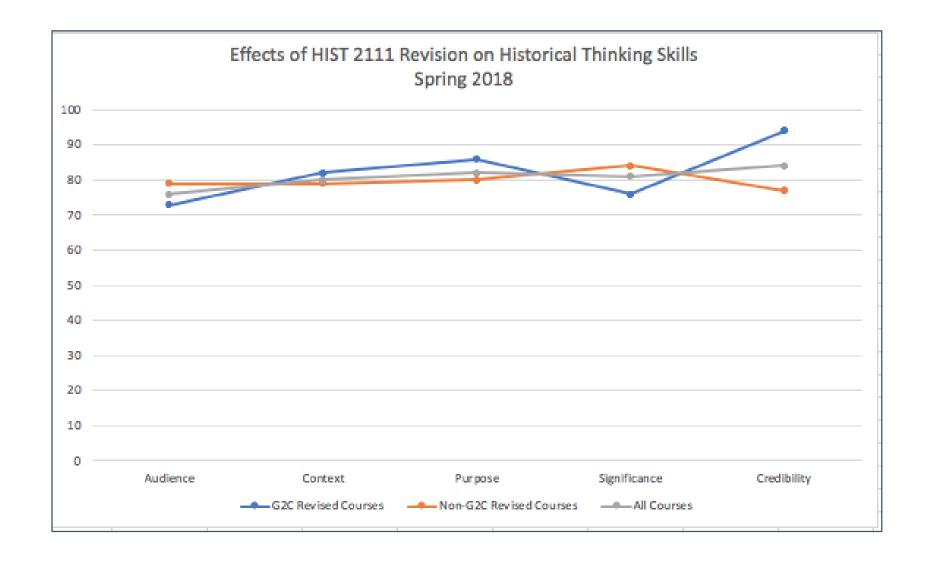


The times they are a-changing.

— Вов Dylan —

AZ QUOTES





Any Questions?

Appendix

Links

- HIST Assessment LibGuide
- OER Revision LibGuide
- Crash Course Study Skills Workshop

Note-taking Pairs

Range of cultures and physical environments

- Arrived in New World much later than elsewhere
- Most accepted theory is that they arrived via Beringia
 - Made their way southward between glaciers along Pacific coastal plain
- Agricultural Revolution Mexico around 5500 BCE
 - Spread throughout Mexico, Central America, and Peru
 - Level of productivity great civilizations of Mexico and Central America to develop
- Compare and contrast Mayas & Aztecs

Key Terms

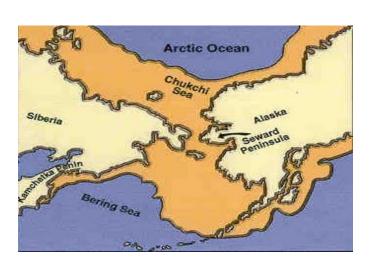
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Mexico

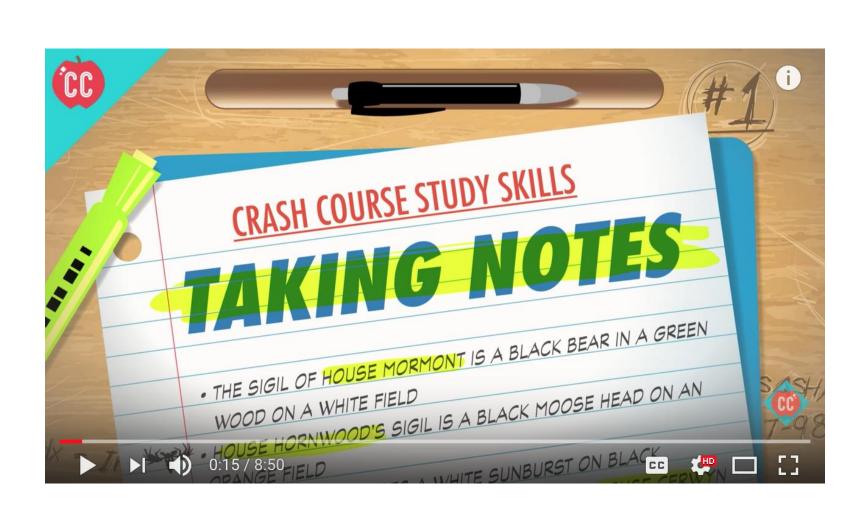
Civilization

Mayas

Aztecs



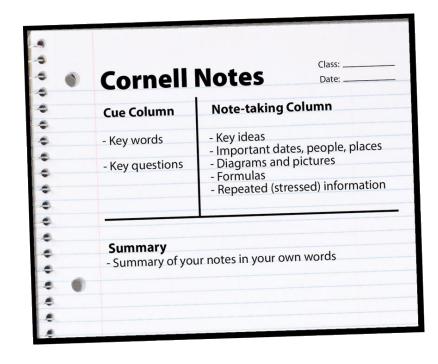
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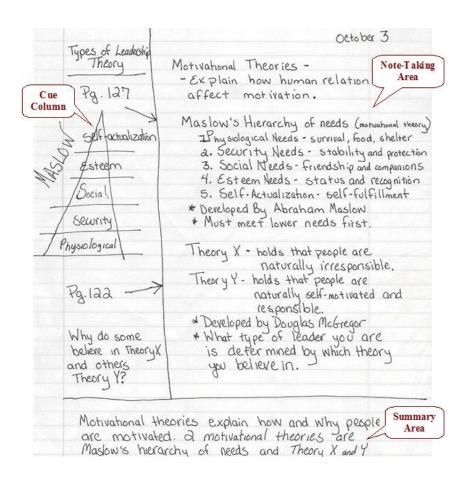


Taking Notes

- 1. Start each new lecture on a new page
 - 1. Date and number each page.
 - 2. Sequence is important—particularly in history.
- 2. Leave lots of white space
- 3. Keep it brief:
 - 1. "Never use a sentence when you can use a phrase, or a phrase when you can use a word" 1
- 4. Use abbreviations and symbols.
- 5. Note all unfamiliar vocabulary or concepts you don't understand.
 - 1. This reminds you to look them up later.

Cornell Method





Outlining Method

	1/13/18 - Aneucan Cultures
	- Americas (New World)-3 parts 1 N. Am US/ Can. 2 Muso aneuca - Muxico/ Centrol Am. 3 S. Am SA
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Q2	Meso amuca = very Setile . Productivity > civilization Permanent Settlements
	Civilization -le charact. 1 Writing 2 Ec. 3 Grovit 4 Specialists 5 Monumental Arch. 4 Le Art (Self-Reflective)
	Multiple Civ - Artecs, Maya, Olives, Toltecs Aspecs V. Maya

ICE Method of Quote Integration

Washington's Farewell Address

Liberty itself will find in such a government, with powers properly distributed and adjusted, its surest guardian. It is, indeed, little else than a name, where the government is too feeble to withstand the enterprises of faction, to confine each member of the society within the limits prescribed by the laws, and to maintain all in the secure and tranquil enjoyment of the rights of person and property.

This spirit, unfortunately, is inseparable from our nature, having its root in the strongest passions of the human mind. It exists under different shapes in all governments, more or less stifled, controlled, or repressed; but, in those of the popular form, it is seen in its greatest rankness, and is truly their worst enemy

The alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge, natural to party dissension, which in different ages and countries has perpetrated the most horrid enormities, is itself a frightful despotism. But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent despotism. The disorders and miseries which result gradually incline the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an individual; and sooner or later the chief of some prevailing faction, more able or more fortunate than his competitors, turns this disposition to the purposes of his own elevation, on the ruins of public liberty.

Without looking forward to an extremity of this kind (which nevertheless ought not to be entirely out of sight), the common and continual mischiefs of the spirit of party are sufficient to make it the interest and duty of a wise people to discourage and restrain it.

It serves always to distract the public councils and enfeeble the public administration. It agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part against another, foments occasionally riot and insurrection. It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption, which finds a facilitated access to the government itself through the channels of party passions. Thus the policy and the will of one country are subjected to the policy and will of another

Quotations: ICE Method



Introduce

 Always introduce your quotes with an "introductory phrase."

Examples:

- According to John Smith, "begin quotation here"
- John Smith argues "begin quotation here"
- As Smith notes in his article, "begin quotation here"
- Smith suggests that "begin quotation here"

Cite

- Offer the chosen quotation AND citation after the introductory phrase.
- Quotations of fewer than 4 lines should be integrated directly into the text.
- Quotations of more than 4 lines should be formatted in block text style.

Nelly Dean treats Heathcliff poorly and dehumanizes him throughout her narration:

They entirely refused to have it in bed with them, or even in their room, and I had no more sense, so, I put it on the landing of the stairs, hoping it would be gone on the morrow. By chance, or else attracted by hearing his voice, it crept to Mr. Earnshaw's door, and there he found it on quitting his chamber. Inquiries were made as to how it got there; I was obliged to confess, and in recompense for my cowardice and inhumanity was sent out of the house. (Bronte 78)

Explain

- You must explain your quotes before moving on to the next idea. Do not assume that your reader understand exactly why you have included that particular quote.
- This means that you need to provide analysis that ties back to your original topic sentence (and, more broadly) to the thesis statement.
- This is important for helping you integrate the quotation into your paper, so that it "flows" with your overall writing.

Let's Practice

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