**Each book review** for this class will contain the following three elements:

1. **A thesis statement:** This is a statement of the author's point of view regarding the subject under discussion. Some books will consist of several thesis, bound together in the subject matter. The thesis is the unifying element of the book and at times can be found in the preface or introduction to the book.

2. **Development:** this is the method by which the author sets out to prove the thesis. The reviewer must ask the question-what does the author say about the thesis.
   - What materials are used by the author-are the materials documents, primary sources, gossip, scientific reports, secondary sources, etc? Is the work (book) based more on one source of information or another?
   - How well are the materials organized? Does the work look like a unified whole or a work that is patched together.

3. **Critique:** This is a very important part of the review, as the reviewer (you) will show his/her ability to evaluate the work. The critique maybe written in a negative or positive way or both. The reviewer may ask the following questions:
   - Is the author qualified to write the book or article? This is an important point to determine! Is the author biased?
   - Does the author prove the thesis to the reviewer’s satisfaction? Is the author to dogmatic or not dogmatic enough?
   - Is this work satisfactory along literary lines-if not what are your suggestions?

Your review may be written in the three noted parts or in a unified whole but, it is important to discuss all three parts. This review will test your critical thinking-have fun and learn a lot!
If you need help please see a tutor or the teacher.

**Please see your class syllabus** for the books that are recommended for review.