

## Assignment: Book Reviews

The Political Economy of Major American Wars  
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This course is designed to explore the causes and political consequences of the major wars involving the United States of America. The primary reading material of this class consists of non-fiction books (in some cases, academic books) describing the author's experience or understanding of a particular war or theme. We start with the theme of the course: *Hubris*, or overreach.

Your assignment is to write 3 book reviews of a book that you will be assigned. In this book review, you will answer the following questions:

- What is the author's goal in writing this book? What are the ultimate conclusions the author offers? Do you agree or disagree with those conclusions?
- What was the cause the war about which your assigned book was written?
- What were the lasting effects of your war on the American Political system?
- Does the author address any of these political consequences?
- How does this book reflect the overall theme of Hubris?

Each book review should be 4-5 pages (12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins). You should have one coherent essay with a strong thesis statement and supporting evidence. This paper should flow and have on central theme. Proper spelling and grammar are expected.