

THE WORLD IN 1900

Paper #1

The World in 1900 Viewed From...

Due by: Friday, March 2, by midnight (Friday night/Saturday morning). Upload your paper to Moodle. No need to print out a hard copy.

Length: 4-6 pp. Format: Chicago-style citations with footnotes (see Sample Short Paper online for additional details of format).

Assignment

Write a paper to examine the world in 1900 as viewed from one corner of the globe. Your paper should build upon your reading for week six, when you set out to understand a particular region of the world in 1900. But your paper will be more limited. You might focus on a city or a national region or a country. You should tell the story of this particular place at a particular time. You should think carefully about the ties (political, economic, cultural, etc.) that connect this place with the rest of the world. And you should engage with the larger arguments of Eric Hobsbawm's *Age of Empire* or Charles Emmerson's *1913: In Search of the World Before the Great War*. Your goal is to write a brief work of synthesis, drawing upon the reading that you (and we) have done, presenting an argument, providing context, laying out essential details, and making comparisons.

Criteria for evaluation

The best papers will:

- present a strong argument as to how we should understand the world in 1900 as viewed from one particular place,
- demonstrate a solid understanding of your place,
- demonstrate a solid grasp of the wider historical context,
- be well-organized and well-argued, with strong evidence and clear analysis,
- be well-written,
- be free of small errors (of grammar, spelling, format).