

Essays – Presentation Write-Up

After you present on your chosen reading, you'll submit a written version.

The assignment: For each of your two presentations on sources from the assigned readings, write a 2– to 3-page essay that summarizes what the reading tells us. It's due one week after you present in class.

What you need to do

Your write-up should do the following:

- **Briefly summarize** what the document says and, more importantly, analyze what the author is trying to say about the subject at hand. In other words, you need to identify and discuss what you believe is the author's interpretation, bias, and point of view and how it affected the author's treatment of the topic. Give examples from the document that illustrate your assessment of the author's spin.
- **Provide perspective** by relating the material in the document, and the author's bias on it, to the bigger picture—the material being discussed in class.

The main point of the presentation and the write-up is NOT to summarize the reading. Summary should be less than 25% of your presentation and your write-up. The main point is to analyze the reading and talk about what it means and what it tells us about that place and time in ancient history.

Writeup deadline. Your write-up needs to be posted to BlackBoard before the next class meeting after you present in class. In this final version of the write-up you can incorporate ideas and reactions that came up during the in-class discussion that followed the presentation.