

The HST290 Notebook

Purpose

This assignment allows you to reflect on course content using informal writing. The notebook consists of pre-class reflective writings and in-class writing on the course readings and activities, observations drawn from class activities, lists, notes, and other types of informal writing a historian uses during the research and writing process.

How It Works

You will bring the notebook to every class meeting. You will turn them in at regular intervals for instructor comment. Each entry should begin with the name of the activity and the date. If you have later thoughts on the content for a particular entry, you may write them down under the heading “Addendum to [name of activity]” and the date of the addendum. If you lose your notebook you will be responsible for replacing it and rewriting all entries. If you are absent, you are still responsible for making that day’s entry.

Grading

Notebooks will be graded at the end of the course, although they will receive regular instructor comments. They will be graded on:

§ The **level of engagement** in the course content as reflected by thoughtful, analytical entries

§ Completeness: all possible entries are present

The notebook is worth 5 points and is due in class on November 30.