

HST 570 Research Paper Assignment and Grading Rubric (50 points)

Research an element of Tidal Creek Food Cooperative's history and place that element in its broader national and/or global contexts.

For instance, you might be interested in the business model of Tidal Creek. You would want to draw on primary sources to describe the model and its operation at the founding and analyze how it changed over time. You would also place this model in the context of broader economic changes such as those in food retailing and the growth of international business in the 1980s and 90s.

Or, you might prefer doing a social history of Tidal Creek, in which you looked at the motivations of key founding members and how these connected to other interests in their lives. You would need to place these in the context of social and cultural changes of the 1970s and 1980s.

Be sure to choose a focus narrow enough that can be fully analyzed in a single essay.

The paper needs to use primary sources (i.e. archival, statistical, oral histories, published sources from the period, maps, legal records etc.) and scholarly secondary sources. It should be between 12 and 15 pages exclusive of bibliography and employ Turabian/Bibliography-Notes System (7th edition).

This paper should be uploaded to the folder "Research Essays" in the Tidal Creek Project PB Works site by 3:30pm on Tuesday, November 29. Late papers will not be accepted.

Research Paper Grading Criteria (50)

(5) Introduction (previews main arguments and paper organization, provides clear statement on how this research relates to other studies on the topic, encourages further reading) _____

(5) Thesis Statement (stands out clearly in introduction, arguable, not overly obvious, explains change over time, clearly based on evidence) _____

(15) Evidence and Argument (primary sources analyzed with clarity, secondary sources used appropriately, main arguments support thesis) _____

(15) Sources (relate well to topic, appropriate numbers of monographs and articles from scholarly journals, appropriate to research questions, primary sources meet acceptable parameters for research questions) _____

(10) Sentence Clarity, Grammar, Mechanics, Punctuation (clear sentences, correct usage and grammar, correct use of Turabian) _____

TOTAL: _____/50