

## **ASSIGNMENT: EXHIBIT REVIEW**

*History 6310: Museum Studies*

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For this class you are to write a critical review of a historical exhibit (at a museum, historic site, archives, etc.) based on the guidelines below. Your paper should be typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12pt font, and should have page numbers. The review should be more than 1000 words. You must simply answer the questions as completely as possible.

### **Guidelines for the review are as follows:**

1. Write the name of the museum, the title of the exhibit, and the dates of your visit at the top of your paper.
2. Write an overview of the exhibit that explains what the exhibit is about, the different approaches to the topic (for example, economic, social, political, gender differences) and explain what those are, the time period being addressed by the exhibit, and elements of the exhibit (photographs? drawings? maps? paintings? types of artifacts?)
3. You should consider the following questions:
  - Who is the exhibit curator why was this topic was considered important for an exhibit?
  - What kinds of sources were used?
  - What special knowledge does the curator have on the topic?
  - What printed materials (brochures, catalogs) accompany the exhibit and of what value are they?
  - Is there a bibliography?
  - Are the artifacts well marked and helpful in telling the story? Explain.
  - Is there a bias or slant in interpretation of the story? In other words, does the exhibit offer a particular point of view? What is it?
  - What did you learn from the exhibit?