

## M470/M570 Project 2

Develop a one page outline of your term paper; recall the term paper is due at the end of this course. Your subject must in some way be connected to Native Americans and infectious disease. You will need to include in your paper some primary documentary source of the condition you write about.

For this project, begin with a statement of the topic. Then provide an outline of the major points you intend to cover, along with subheadings indicating how each will be developed. Please **provide me with an electronic copy** as an email attachment and come with **one printed copy for each student in class**. Somehow we will make these available for discussion by the group. Who knows, one of your fellow students may have a great suggestion or two.

This project will be due beginning **week 10**. Just when and how we will discuss them, I'm not quite sure. Here is the beginning of an example:

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Smallpox was one of the leading killers of Native Americans in the century following the arrival of Europeans. My paper will detail aspects of the emergence of this disease, its arrival in the New World and its cataclysmic effects on the population of Central Mexico. I will focus on the initial infection of 1520, and provide statistical data as well as first person accounts of smallpox' disastrous arrival in the Aztec Empire.

Title: Who Really Defeated The Aztecs, Cortes or Smallpox?

- 1) Introduction
  - Brief overview
- 2) The bug
  - Type and description of virus
  - Brief description of disease
  - Probable origin
  - Variolization and vaccination
  - Outcome and survival
- 3) The initial contact between smallpox and Aztecs
  - Briefly address the smallpox experience on Hispaniola.
  - Aztec people and culture
    - unique susceptibility?
  - A few words about Cortes
  - The campaign
    - First person accounts
    - Everyone is sick at once
    - Consequences
    - .....
- 4) .....
- 5) .....
- 6) On and on until you reach your summary or closing paragraph.
- 7) References