Archival Source Assignment Due: 3/9 by 5pm by e-mail

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For this project, students will be asked to research a historical figure, event, or object that would highlight or shift the ways we’ve discussed questions of American Identity in class so far. They will then need to write an academic paper describing this figure/event/object and their/its contributions to a specific area or field of American Identity, such as understandings of American history, business, art, etc. They will need to find at least one primary source written by the figure, very closely tied to the event, or an object itself, and at least three historical newspapers or similar sources written about the figure and/or event. Students will need prior approval of topic by a date well in advance of the due date.

This paper is worth 20% of your overall grade. During this unit, you’ll also be doing a group presentation that will count for 5% of your final grade.

Your final paper should be 6-8 pages (not including your works cited page). Your sources should be cited properly in the body of your paper and in your works cited page in MLA format (unless you speak to me separately about the citation style used in your discipline). Before group conferences, we will create a final rubric for this unit’s paper together in class, and we will discuss the formatting to use for this unit’s paper.

Due Dates:

Group Presentations: 2/22 or 2/27

Rough draft due: Partial draft for 3/1, full draft for conferences week of 3/5 (early in week)

Final draft due: Friday 3/9 by 5pm by e-mail (before spring break)