**Unit 1 Renaissance & Reformation Mini Essay**

This assignment is designed to practice the writing skills we have been discussing in class in a low risk environment. You will be given a score out of 25 on the assignment in the writing category. However, you will receive feedback as if the assignment was weighted the same as a larger written assessment (similarly to the fall essay). Please follow the next steps while completing this assignment.

1. Select a prompt to answer
   1. Argue the most impactful event (from the following list) on European society.
      1. Germanic tribes/movement
      2. Charlemagne & the Carolingian Dynasty
      3. Vikings
      4. Normans & Plantagenet Kings
      5. Petrine Supremacy
      6. Plagues
      7. 100 Years
      8. Papacy in Avignon
      9. Great Schism
      10. Unam Sanctum
      11. Italian Renaissance
      12. Northern Renaissance
      13. Martin Luther
      14. Radical Reformers (Zwinglism, Calvinism, etc.)
      15. Counter Reformation
2. Research your prompt:
   1. For this assignment you are welcome to use any resource that we use in class
      1. Spielvogel
      2. Other written materials given to you in class
   2. You are also welcome to research other resources as well. However, the standard of research from any major writing assignment still applies. You may not use sources like Wikipedia, history.com, or any other nonacademic resources. If you have a question regarding a source please use the source evaluation (found on my website, along with the library website) and include that source evaluation with the works cited.
   3. You may not use any notes that I give you in class. All of the information that I give in class comes from a text that you have access to.
   4. I would highly recommend that you start with the resources given in class. The purpose of this assignment is not to practice research, it is to practice your writing skills.
3. Write an essay that includes the following information…
   1. MLA Formatting, including heading and header, along with a proper MLA works cited. MLA formatting is expected to be used in all facets of this essay.
   2. An introductory paragraph.
      1. Remember that your intro paragraph should include a hook, background, and thesis. The hook and background should directly apply to your thesis and subsequent argument.
   3. 1 Body Thesis Statement
      1. In order to give you proper feedback in a timely matter I am only requiring 1 body thesis statement for this essay. It should not be longer than two paragraphs (a paragraph should range from 4-6 sentences)
         1. Remember to use multiple pieces of evidence to strengthen your argument (I recommend from 2-3 sources).
         2. Remember you should analyze your evidence and connect it to your bts/thesis statement.
   4. A restated thesis statement.
      1. In lieu of a concluding paragraph all I need to read is a restated thesis statement.
   5. **Your essay cannot exceed two pages. Anything past two pages will not be read and your essay will be considered incomplete.**
   6. Your essay should be written in typical essay format within the previously written parameters.
4. Your essay will be due within on Tuesday at 10pm on turnitin.com
   1. You will be given 2 writing days in the Library in order to complete this assignment
      1. In the future you will not receive this much in class time to work on an assignment of this nature

**NOTE\*** Remember we are practicing the skills we have discussed throughout the course of the school year. Focus on using paraphrasing, transitional sentences, and analysis that explains/deepens your argument while at the same time connects your sub argument to your overall thesis.

**SCORING\*** In the event that you meet all of the previous requirements, and do not plagiarize your essay you will receive high marks on this assignment. The only way that you will fail this assignment is if you do not complete the assignment or turn in an essay that has been plagiarized. **This essay will go into writing.**