

HUM 101

Tentative Midterm Questions for Spring 2024

Analytical Essay (<https://www.stetson.edu/other/writing-center/media/Handout%20-%20Analytical%20Essay.pdf>)

Instructions:

Maintain the Turnitin plagiarism under 10 percent.

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You have to write any 1 out of the 2 essays

Essay Word Limit is- 1500 to 2500

Please use the shared reading materials, primary resources and scholarly secondary resources

Essay Questions 1:

Construct an analytical essay tracing the **connections between myth & religion, and the establishment of monarchical systems in the ancient world**. In your essay, provide a detailed analysis of at least two monarchical political culture and discuss how did they use myths to justify social and political control. Along with the primary sources, the students will have to use a minimum of two **scholarly** secondary sources to illustrate their arguments. You may cover the following points while constructing your essay:

- The idea of “civilization” which the ancient river valley civilizations had as expressed by their myths; importance of the *creation myths* and establishment of *order*
- Establish a connection between ancient myths and how they were used to justify

monarchical governing system (justification of kingship; establishment of centralized social order)

- Myth as a source of understating the collective historical and socio-political worldviews/practices of ancient societies
- How myths travel from imperial cultures to fringe kingdoms

Essay Question 2:

Q.2 Construct an analytical essay, providing a detailed comparative analysis of monarchical and non-monarchical system of governance in the ancient world. **Why in some parts of the ancient world, for example the ancient Mesopotamian, Chinese and Indian civilizations, explored various ideas of governance within the structures of monarchy, whereas some parts like ancient Athens and the republic of Rome, deliberately avoided monarchy? Are there any similarities that can be traced between monarchical and non-monarchical societies of the ancient world?** Students must ensure that they are using at least two scholarly secondary resources along with the shared primary reading materials. You also need to address the following points in your essay.

- Discussion of the history of socio-political conditions resulting in the establishment of monarchical and non-monarchical forms of governance
- Influence of various social and philosophical views behind constructing laws and justifying the structures of governance (for both monarchical and non-monarchical governing systems)
- Discussion on the importance of legislative and administrative systems of both monarchical and non-monarchical societies; establishing economic, cultural and political hegemony by the groups who ruled/governed ancient societies
- Gender dynamics and position of women in both monarchical and non-monarchical

civilizations