

Writing Assignments

State in Colonial India
Spring 2017

Term Paper – I

- Mark out the growth of the Maratha state from Shivaji's time till 1818.
 - Use four to six paper maps to plot out the expansion at moments you think are important
 - Write a 700 to 1,200 word note to explain the important markers you have put and why have you included them.
 - Readings:
 - Gordon Stewart, Marathas, Marauders and State Formation in 18th Century India
 - A R Kulkarni, Money and Banking under the Marathas: Seventeenth Century to AD 1848
 - Any one of the books on Modern India by Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, Barbara and Thomas Metcalf, or RC Majumdar, HC Raychaudhuri and Kalikinkar Dutta.

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- Discuss the rise of the State in India in 1500 to 2000 words
- Readings
 - Romila Thapar, *From Lineage to State*
 - RS Sharma, *State and Varna Formation in the Mid-Ganga Plains*
 - James C Scott, *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of South East Asia*