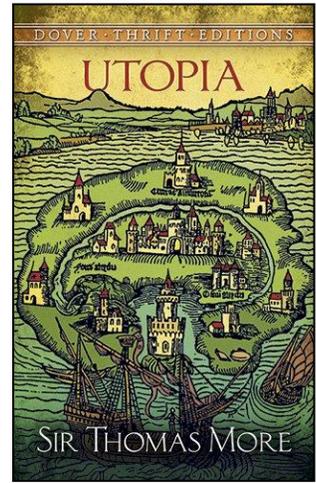


Thomas More's *Utopia*

Periodization Long Essay

Utopia is a work of fiction devoted to the exploration of ideas. In 1516, when *Utopia* was published, English society was marked by great extremes in wealth, education, and status.

After reading *Utopia*, your assignment is to write the following periodization essay over it. You need to put *Utopia* into the specific period of history and connect its ideas into the context of what era came before it, and what eras will come after this.



In what ways does Thomas More's *Utopia* reflect the development for the eras of the Reformation and the Age of Religious Warfare?

What is periodization?

Periodization is the act of dividing a subject into historical eras for purposes of analysis and study. Periodization attempts to impart significance to the passage of time in history by identifying and ordering chronological sequences (periods).

Historical thinking involves the ability to describe, analyze, and evaluate different ways that historians divide history into discrete and definable periods. Historians construct and debate different, sometimes competing models of periodization; the choice of specific turning points or starting and ending dates might accord a higher value to one narrative, region, or group than another.

Key details of a Periodization LEQ:

- Thesis that makes a historically defensible claim
- Describe the ways in which the historical event was different from and similar to developments that preceded AND/OR followed
- Explain the extent to which the historical event was different from and similar to developments that preceded AND/OR followed
- Use specific examples of relevant evidence to support your argument
 - Answer How/Why for at least one piece of evidence provided
- Extend the argument using synthesis (make historical connections)

REQUIREMENTS:

- must be typed, using 12-point font size, Times New Roman font, and double-spaced
- must be a minimum of 3 pages of content
- must include specific quotes and examples from the book
- must have a title
- additional expectations can be found on the attached rubric