

War and American Society

21H.223

Second Writing Assignment

For this assignment, you should write a short response paper of **4 to 5 pages**. The reflection is due in class on **Class #6**. Extensions will be granted only for good reasons explained well in advance. Computer malfunctions are never an acceptable excuse for a late submission. Proper academic citation is required.

Consider the readings by William James, Theodore Roosevelt, or Mark Twain that we read in class. After reading them in conjunction with the historical background essay, choose a single theme that you think the author effectively conveys or fails to convey in his work and explore this in your essay. You have a great deal of latitude in the selection of material and the development of a theme, but you should be clear in your summary of the author's view on the theme you choose, and you should use direct quotations from the original works to demonstrate your points. Your own interpretation of the work should be clearly stated in a thesis statement and the relationship between your interpretation and the text should be clearly explicated.