

Assignment #2 – Your Day in History (Events)

Assigned: Friday, February 5, 1999

This week we will be working with the “On this day” section of the list you printed out from the Scope Systems Any Day in History web site at <http://www.scopesys.com/anyday/>.

Prepare the following on separate sheets of paper. Head each paper using the format provided by Gloria. Proofread your work for legibility; punctuation; capitalization; spelling; and, in the case of #4 in parts 2 & 3, conciseness and complete sentences. Number your answers. Be prepared to report on your research next Friday in class.

Part 1 – due Monday, February 8, 1999

1. How many events are listed in the “On this day” section for your birth date?
2. Using the definition of important we discussed in class today, how many of them would you consider important?
3. Write out the event (including the year it occurred) that you consider the most important.

Part 2 – due Tuesday, February 9, 1999

The New York Times has a web site that focuses on important events. Its URL is <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/>. At the bottom of the page is a link that says, “Go to a previous date.” Click on it, then click on the link for your birth date. Print the page for your binder, and use its information to respond to the following.

1. How many important events does the Times list for your birth date?
2. Write out the one that it lists as the most important. It identifies this event as “Today’s Highlight in History”.
3. How many events on the Times list **do not** appear on the Scope Systems list?
4. Do you agree with the Times selection for your day’s “Highlight in History”? Why or why not?

Part 3 – due Thursday, February 11, 1999

The Library of Congress also has a web site that focuses on important events. The URL for its archive is <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/today/archive.html>. Use option 2 on the archive page to jump to your birth date. Print the page you find for your binder, and use its information to respond to the following.

1. How many important events does the Library list for your birth date?
2. How many events on the Library’s list **do not** appear on the Times list?
3. How many events on the Library’s list **do not** appear on the Scope Systems list?
4. There will be many links to Library documents on this page. Look at them. Which one did you find the most interesting? Why did you think it more interesting than the others?