

HIS 100 Learning Block 2-1 Short Response Rubric

Prompt: In two to three sentences, respond to each question. To develop your responses, combine your experience using search terms to locate the three primary sources in this learning block with your own reflections on the questions posed. Regardless of whether or not you were able to find all three primary sources, complete all question prompts before you submit your responses. If you were not able to find the primary sources, let your instructor know what search terms you did use so he or she can provide you with feedback on how to develop effective search terms.

- 1. Describe your overall experience locating these primary sources. Was it challenging or straightforward? Do you learn anything interesting along the way?
- 2. Were you able to locate an interview with Tom Evans, a close friend of President Truman's, who interacted with scientists who were trying to reach Truman with their campaign against the use of the atomic bomb? Share your search terms and a link to the primary source.
- 3. Were you able to locate a petition against the use of the atomic bomb circulated by Leo Szilard directed toward President Truman? Share your search terms and a link to the primary source.
- 4. Were you able to locate an interview with Lilli Hornig, a scientist who signed Szilard's petition against the use of the atomic bomb? Share your search terms and a link to the primary source.

Guidelines for Submission: Respond to all four questions. Each response should be two to three sentences in length.

| Critical Elements | Proficient (100%) | Needs Improvement (75%) | Not Evident (0%) | Value |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|-------|
| Focus of Response | Provides focused and direct reflection to answer questions posed | Provides reflection, but the focus is unclear or unrelated to the questions posed | Does not provide reflection | 40 |
| Length of Response | Answers provided are two to three sentences in length | Answers provided are only one sentence in length | Does not provide answers | 30 |
| Communicates Clearly | Clearly communicates key ideas and thoughts in a short answer response | Response needs clarification in order to support understanding of key ideas and thoughts | Response is not legible and key ideas or thoughts are not understandable | 30 |
| Total | | | | 100% |