

**HIS 100 Theme 3: Learning Block 5-3 Historical Context Chart Rubric**

**Prompt:** For this assignment, you will choose three secondary sources from your selected topic in the [Research Kit](#) to read through and compare.

As you read through each secondary source from the Research Kit, recall the three main questions for analyzing secondary sources from Theme 2:

1. What argument is your source’s author making? (This is the thesis statement.)
2. Why is your source’s author making this argument? What is at stake for the author?
3. Where are there weak points in your source’s arguments? Do you see any potential biases or flaws in your source’s argument?

For this assignment, download and complete the [Historical Context Chart](#), using information from the articles to help you complete the chart. Copy and paste the full citation of each chosen article from the Research Kit into the Article Citation field. Next, explain in the chart how you think the historical context of the time when these articles were written may have impacted the authors’ interpretations of the events. You are encouraged to check out [this website](#) to help you formulate your thoughts on the historical context of your secondary sources.

**Guidelines for Submission:** Fill out the [Historical Context Chart](#) and submit the completed chart to Brightspace for instructor grading and feedback.

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (85%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
<b>Secondary Sources</b>	Includes the full citation of all chosen articles in the chart	Includes the citation of all chosen articles in the chart, but citation is incomplete or contains errors	Does not include the citation of all chosen articles in the chart	20
<b>Historical Context: Publication Date</b>	Explains how the historical context of the publication date of the articles may have impacted the author’s interpretation of the events	Explains how the historical context of the publication date of the articles may have impacted the author’s interpretation of the events, but explanation lacks detail or contains inaccuracies	Does not explain how the historical context of the publication date of the articles may have impacted the author’s interpretation of the events	30
<b>Historical Context: Author’s Thesis</b>	Explains how the author’s thesis may have been impacted by the historical context	Explains how the author’s thesis may have been impacted by the historical context, but explanation lacks detail or contains inaccuracies	Does not explain how the author’s thesis may have been impacted by the historical context	30

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<b>Communicates Clearly</b>	Clearly communicates key ideas and thoughts in a short answer response	Analysis needs clarification in order to support understanding of key ideas and thoughts	Analysis is not legible and key ideas or thoughts are not understandable.	20
<b>Total</b>				<b>100%</b>