

ASSIGNED REFLECTION FROM THE COURSE TEXT

Your text, by Michael Reid, is one of the most comprehensive books I have read on Brazil. I would like you to do a comprehensive review of this book, focusing on the following chapters:

1. Chapter 1: Brazil's troubled rise.
2. Chapter 2: The Brazilian way of life.
3. Chapter 3: The forging of a people.
4. Chapter 4: From Mornachy to Coffee Republic.
5. Chapter 7: From disorder to progress under Cardoso.
6. Chapter 8: Lulismo and the Brazilian dream.
7. Chapter 9: The long road to a middle class society.
8. Chapter 10: Oil, farming and the Amazon.
9. Chapter 11: Brazil's guided capitalism.
10. Chapter 12: Global ambitions and frustrations.
11. Chapter 13: An unreformed Leviathan.
12. Chapter 14: Brazil's century?

The review for each assigned chapter must cover the main take-home message from that chapter. That review must be between two and three pages long (single or double-spaced). Start by summarizing the main points in the chapter, then include examples or citations from other sources, and then include your own thoughts about what is presented in that chapter. So, the first half should be a summary, then next half should be split between examples or citations from other sources and your own thoughts. The reviews for these chapters do not necessarily have to build upon each other, but they must demonstrate to the reader that you read and understood the book. Do not copy reviews from your classmates' blogs.

I will grade your blogs, which should have the completed chapter reviews, by the end of the first week of classes during the fall semester. I will send you an email reminder a few days before this deadline so you can send me a link to your blogs (do the readings!). I will go over the specific videos and readings to be reviewed during the fall after that (it won't be as much as this book, I promise).

If you have not created a blog for this class yet, please follow this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_VnRMP7jRjY and create a simple Weebly blog. Use this list of blogs from previous participants on the Brazil trip as an example on how to set up your site (www.brasilexperience.weebly.com, navigate to student blogs). If you are still not sure how to do this after reviewing these two sites, please see me between July 18th and August 5th or between August 10th and 26th. Do not wait for the start of the fall semester because it will be too late.

I look forward to reading your reviews of this long, but exciting book 😊.