

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY—WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

HIST 111: Intro to ‘Western Civilization’ to 476 CE

Reading Responses

Response 1

What does the term “Western Civilization” mean to you? Is "Western Civilization" meaningful as a historical idea? What are you expecting to learn through the course about "Western Civilization"? (250–300 words).

These are meant to be informal reflections—there is no right or wrong answer. We will return to these expectations at the end of the quarter.

Reading Response 2

Go back to your expectations from the start of the quarter—has your understanding of the term "Western Civilization" and its historical value changed since through the course? How has your understanding of the term developed? Make sure to provide specific examples / evidence explaining how your views have developed. (500–600 words)

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