

Professor Cindy Lobel developed a series of assignments in which she asked her HIU 333: Urban History students to write in different historical genres for different audiences. Each genre was one the students had seen modeled in class and would lead them to address different aspects of city culture and development. Notice that the professor offered specific directions to the students to help them understand what kinds of information were essential in each genre.

Booster Pamphlet

For the first, formal written assignment, **write a booster pamphlet describing your city's first 200 years.** Describe the **economic basis of your city, problems its government faced and surmounted, early development of infrastructure and services, demographic makeup over time, and any other details that you think should be included in a celebration of your city's development.** Your paper should include reference to at least two of the documents (primary sources) and two of the essays (secondary sources) that we have read for class. If you would like, you may include images (maps, drawings, sketches, views, etc.) in addition to the 3-5 pages of text.

Tourist Guide

For the **second paper, write an early-20th-century tourist guide to your city.** **Your guide should include a discussion of some specific neighborhoods, cultural activities available in your city, and some reflection on the factors that make your city unique.** Your paper should include reference to at least two of the documents (primary sources) and two of the essays (secondary sources) that we have read for class. Again, you may include images in addition to the 3-5 pages of text.

Newspaper Article

Your third paper should be a **newspaper article** about the impact of deindustrialization, the automobile and federal policies on your city, "written" in 1970. Your article should describe specifically the 20th-century policies of the federal government vis-à-vis U.S. cities, highway development and deindustrialization, and their impact on your city's economy, demographics, and infrastructure. Your paper should include reference to at least two of the documents (primary sources) and two of the essays (secondary sources) that we have read for class. Again, you may include images in addition to the 3-5 pages of text.

Academic Essay

The culmination of this project will be a 7-10 page **academic essay in which you write the history of your city from the colonial period to the present.** Your final paper should include reference to at least five of the documents (primary sources) and five of the essays (secondary sources) that we have read for class. These documents / essays may be the same ones that you referred to in earlier papers. And once again, you may include images in addition to the 7-10 pages of text.