

Directions: Please answer the following questions in a typed document following MLA formatting. On time submission = printed document submitted in class on the due date AND submission to Turnitin.com by class time.

1. One of the central events in the history of Israel was the exile of God's people and their captivity in Babylon. According to Jeremiah 25:8-12, 29:10-14, and 2 Chronicles 36, why did this happen?
2. How does this correspond with the blessings and curses in Deuteronomy 28-29?
3. What does this tell us about how God blesses faithful obedience and continual disobedience?
4. You have read in the text the story of Cyrus. While Cyrus was not a Jew, the Lord used him significantly. 2 Chronicles 36, Ezra 1, and Isaiah 45 give us more detail about how Cyrus was instrumental in the return of God's people from exile. How did God use Cyrus to play a central role in the restoration of Israel?
5. According to Thucydides (primary source reading), what was the motivation for the suitors of Helen to go to war against Troy?
6. (From the Reports of Minos & Knossos reading) According to Plutarch, how and why did the Cretans hold power over the Athenians? According to both Plutarch and Herodotus, what happened to cause the Cretans to lose their power and authority?

Historical Analysis Writing Assignment

In a paragraph, discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the empires of the Near East (Hittites, Assyrian, Neo-Babylonian, and Persian). Which do you feel to be the strongest and most successful of these empires, and why?