SECOND PAPER TOPICS

Requirements

1) Please write a three-page paper in response to **ONE** of the topics below. The text should be double-spaced. The paper is due by 2:30 PM on Monday, October 17. Because class is not meeting that day, you may submit your paper electronically, if you wish.

2) Your paper must be computer-processed. Please give your paper a title, and write your name on the back of the last page. Do not write your name elsewhere on the paper. All pages should be numbered.

3) Citations to texts read in this course should be made in parentheses in your paper. For example, if you refer to a passage on page 13 of Beik’s *Louis XIV and Absolutism*, indicate this in the following manner at the end of your sentence, after the period: (Beik, 13) Full citations to any work not assigned in class should be made in footnote or endnote form.

Topics

1) Read one of the following *Encyclopedia* articles in English translation: “Christian Festivals,” “Koran,” “Mohammedanism,” or “Priests.” (All four can be found at [http://www.hti.umich.edu/d/did/index.html](http://www.hti.umich.edu/d/did/index.html).) In what ways does this article exemplify the French Enlightenment’s belief in the use of human reason to create greater prosperity and happiness in this world?

2) Read Voltaire’s account of the case of the Chevalier de la Barre (*Treatise on Tolerance*, 139-48). Voltaire obviously believed an injustice had been done; what, in his opinion, was the root cause of this injustice? What reforms do you imagine Voltaire would counsel to prevent future occurrences of such an injustice?