

21H.346
Fall 2005

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>.) 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?