

History/PS # 315

Re: Outline/Suggested Books for Book Report

Formating: The following is a suggested format for thoser preparing to do a book report instead of taking the midterm exam. The report should be at least three typed pages in length. It will be due the week after the scheduled midterm for your section.

Part I: Provide a short description of the author and the work. For example, what can you tell about the author? What is the basic thesis of the book? That is, is the book essentially a defense of the Warren Commission Report or a critical evaluation of its findings?

Part II: Deals with basic anatomy of the book. In this section expand upon your earlier introductory remarks. If the work is critical of the WC Report, whjat kind of critic is the author. (Can you identify him as left-wing, right-wing, or responsible, etc)?

Is the work a responsible treatment of the JFK assassination in which the author takes the WC to task by analyzing the weaknesses of the Commission's approach to witnesses, evidence, procedures, etc. Or does the author resort largely to conjecture and conspiratorial theorizing?

What ever the case, support your interpretations with appropriate examples.

Part III: Finally, give a brief summary opinion about the book.

Some suggested books:

M. Kurtz, Crime of the Century
David Belin, November 22, 1963: You Are the Jury
Edward J. Epstein, Legend: The Secret World of Lee Harvey Oswald
Howard Roffman, Presumed Quilty
Anthony Summers, Conspiracy
David Scheim, Contract on America
Henry Hurt, Reasonable Doubt
Harold Weisberg, Oswald in New Orleans
ibid. , Whitewash II
ibid., Post-Mortem

Harrison E. Livingstone, High Treason I
ibid., High Treason II
John Newman, Kennedy and Vietnam
Seth Kantor, Who Was Jack Ruby?
Mark North, Act of Treason: The Role of Hoover in the Assassination
of John F. Kennedy
Jim Garrison, On the Trail of the Assassins
Gerald Ford, Portrait of an Assassin
Sylvia Meagher, Accessories After the Fact
Mark Lane, Rush to Judgment
Walt Brown, The People vs. Lee Harvey Oswald