

Long Writing Assignment

Please write an essay about the following subject: Compare and contrast Zionism from its classic definition and the perspective of True Torah Jews. I have provided a few links to start your research. Feel free do your own independent research *in addition to the required sources below*.

[True Torah Jews](#)

[The Knesset's description of the history of the World Zionist Organization](#)

[What is Zionism?](#)

[Zionism Defined by a Jew](#)

This assignment is a comparative contrast research paper, and will incorporate the skills you have developed throughout this course, and will develop new skills in research. For this assignment, you will

- **Research sources appropriate to your topic, and effectively use those sources as evidence to support and prove your thesis.** You are to use articles and links provided. You can supplement your research using other credible sources*.
- **Compare two views about Zionism**, then you will state how those views informed, altered or confused your position. All body paragraphs must be focused and organized, clearly relating to the arguments made by the two groups and how that informed your point of view.
- **Cite all sources using MLA Format.** Your paper must include proper parenthetical, footnoted or long quoted citations and a Works Cited page.

Your essay must be a minimum of 1500 words, typed, double-spaced and in 12-point font and in MLA format. It is recommended that you use the supplied template for writing assignments to meet the formatting requirements.

Due Dates and Other Information Important for this Paper

1. **View lectures on Covenants and Kingdom**
2. **Wednesday, April 5** the **First Draft** is due. However please note that this is a non-graded activity and optional. It is to be turned in by the due date if you would like the professor's feedback before you submit your final paper.
3. **Monday, April 10** the **Long Writing Assignment** due.

***A Few Notes about Required Sources:** Your sources must be reputable and reliable. Good sources include the following:

- Newspapers (*San Francisco Chronicle, New York Times, etc.*)
- Magazines (*Time, Newsweek, etc.*)
- Books
- Scholarly Journals
- Other Websites (Sites like Wikipedia are not acceptable.)

Remember that a well-researched essay will include a variety of sources. Also remember that for academic papers, books and scholarly journals tend to provide the best information.

There are 10 total points available for this assignment based on the rubric below. Go over the rubric carefully to understand how your paper will be graded.

Grading Rubric

Indicators (Potential Points)	Levels of Achievement			
	Beginning (2)	Developing (3)	Competent (4)	Accomplished (5)
Meaning and Development: ideas, examples, reasons and evidence, point of view	Inappropriate No viable point of view; little or no evidence; weak critical thinking; providing insufficient reasons or other support	Appropriate Develops a point of view; demonstrating some critical thinking; may have some inadequate examples, reasons and other evidence of support	Effective Develops a point of view and demonstrates competent critical thinking; enough supporting detail to accomplish the purpose of the paper	Insightful Ideas are fresh, mature and extensively developed; insightfully develops a point of view and demonstrates outstanding critical thinking
Conventions: grammar, punctuation, spelling, paragraphing, format	Distracting Errors interfere with writer's ability to consistently communicate purpose; pervasive mechanical errors obscure meaning; inappropriate format	Fundamental Errors interfere with writer's ability to communicate purpose; contains an accumulation of errors; some weakness in format	Controlled Occasional errors do not interfere with writer's ability to communicate purpose; generally appropriate format	Polished Control of conventions contribute to the writer's ability to communicate purpose; free of most mechanical errors; appropriate format