

Purpose: A history is a story: the two words are the same in origin (< Gk. *historia*, ‘investigation’, first in Herodotus). For a well-rounded view of any period it is essential to read multiple accounts, because each author has her/his own predilections, biases, axes to grind, ideological blindspots, methodological shortcomings and strengths, etc. This will probably be the most onerous assignment you have this term—until the final paper—so please leave plenty of time for it.

Instructions: read the indicated sections of Mieroop and A. Kuhrt, *The Ancient Near East*, which will be on course reserve. Then write a one-page MAXIMUM (but SINGLE-spaced) comparison of the two accounts. What further detail does Kuhrt add that Mieroop leaves out, or vice versa? What facets does each emphasize? What are weaknesses in either account? What are controversies that are glossed over by either author?

Style: this does not need to be a literary masterpiece: the important point is to take the information on board and write it up. It should NOT be a simple list of features, although you might start by making a list, with notes, and then converting it into a continuous prose essay. The space limitation will force you to be concise.

DUE DATES: It is very important to complete and turn in this essay ON THE DUE DATE, because the exercise is intended to enrich classroom discussion. IF IT IS LATE, therefore, one full grade will be deducted (i.e. A becomes B, B becomes C).

Assignment ID #	DUE DATE	READ THIS	COMPARE WITH THIS CHAPTER IN A. KUHRT	WHO IS DOING IT:
1	2/7	Mieroop 4, 63–72 (‘The Kings of Akkad’).	vol. I, pp. 44–55.	Roger Bombardier, Elizabeth Andrews
2	2/9	Mieroop 4, 73-84 (The Third Dynasty of Ur’)	vol. I, pp. 56–73.	
3	2/23	1. Mieroop 5, 90-94 (‘Babylonia’)	vol. I. 76–80.	Emily Allen, Dani Torres, Nhi Le
4	2/23	2. Mieroop 5, 94-103 (Assyria and the East’)	vol. I. 81-95.	Whit Montgomery-Nassif, Aaron Bolder, Clark, Caleb C.
5	2/23	3. 103-5 (‘Mari and the West’)	vol. I. 95–108.	Ted Crook, Christine St. Clair, Nathaniel Kay, Hugh Randall
6	2/25	Mieroop 6, 111-118 (‘Hammurabi’s Babylon’)	vol. I, pp. 108-116.	Emily Demicco, Holly Wever, Michael Edmondson
7	2/25	Mieroop 6, 119-122 (‘The Old Hittite Kingdom’)	vol. I, pp. 225-50.	Lindsay Waters, Zachary Shellabarger, Flanigan, John A.
8	3/18	Mieroop 8, 150-6 (‘Mitanni’).	vol. I, pp. 283-300.	Marty Schneider, Tyler Rodgers, Quinn Dray
9	3/18	Mieroop 8, 156-63 (The Hittite New Kingdom’)	vol. I, pp. 250-66.	Sam Roberts, Rose Neilson, Scott Scribi
10	3/23	Mieroop 8 (‘Syria, Palestine’), 163–70.	vol. I, pp. 300–29.	Nathaniel Ward, Gottschalk, Genna, Turvey, James A.
11	3/28	Mieroop 9, 171-9 (‘Babylonia’)	vol. I, pp., 332–48.	Alex Bailey, Jane Herath, Dylan Hudson
12	3/28	Mieroop 9, 179-85 (‘Assyria’)	vol. I, 348-65.	Katie Ross, Devin Malinowski, Kristen Valerio
13	3/28	Mieroop 9, 185-90 (‘The Middle Elamite Kingdom’)	vol. I, 365-74.	Jeremy Prasch, Ian Paisner, Emily Vallee
14	4/4	Mieroop 10, pp. 190-206 (‘Collapse of the Regional System’)	vol. II, pp. 385-93 (‘The Sea Peoples’). Compare this focused discussion with what Mieroop says here and there in his ch. 10.	Casey Ann Smith, Matthew Saladin, Haragely, Charles D.
15	4/4	Mieroop 10 (‘Collapse of the Regional System’)	vol. II, 393-401 (‘The Aramaeans’). Compare this focused discussion with	Nathan Crowley, Katie Kimball

			what Mieroop says here and there in his ch. 10.	
16	4/15	Mieroop 11 ('Near East at Start of First Millennium')	vol. II, pp. 548-62 ('The Kingdom of Urartu'). Compare this focused discussion with what Mieroop says here and there in his ch. 11.	Michael White, Graves, Addison E.
17	4/15	Mieroop 11 ('Near East at Start of First Millennium')	vol. II, pp. 410-17 ('The Neo-Hittite States'). Compare this focused discussion with what Mieroop says here and there in his ch. 11.	Harlow, Joseph C., Johnson, William E.
18	4/15	Mieroop 11 ('Near East at Start of First Millennium')	vol. II, pp. 402-410 ('The Phoenicians'). Compare this focused discussion with what Mieroop says here and there in his ch. 11.	Fay Clarke, Matthew Andrews, Jeremy Karpf
19	4/18	Mieroop 12 ('The Rise of Assyria').	vol. II, pp. 473-492.	Marie Grady, Kalachev-Fuster, Sergei S., Wade, Michael L.
20	4/20	Mieroop 13, up to 266 ('Assyria's World Domination').	vol. II, pp. 493-519.	Natalie Brown, Lamer, Craig
21	4/25	Mieroop 13-14 (pp. 266-75 only).	vol. II, pp. 562-72 ('Phrygia / Lydia') + 652-6 ('Persians and Medes')	Alyssa Peteani, Alexander Haller
22	4/27	Mieroop 14 276-85.	vol. II, pp. 589-621	Lerch, Anne A., MacLeod, Blaine E.
23	5/2	Mieroop 15, up to 287-92 ('Rise of Persia' and 'Political Developments')	vol. II, pp. 656-76 ('Formation of the empire' + 'Achaemenid history and its problems')	Daniel Wyman, Chris O'Mara
24	5/2	Mieroop 15, 293-9 ('Organization of the Empire')	vol. II, 676-700 ('Structure of the Achaemenid empire')	McDermott, Nicholas I., Suzuki, Yuta