Core 100 – Caesar: Tyranny and Political Violence

Tyrants of the Modern World Paper

**Topic:** For this assignment you will select a modern world leader and analyze their political career through the lens of tyranny, as we have been discussing it throughout the semester.

**Content:** In your analysis, you must address the following points – give an overview of your leader’s biography, then provide an explanation of why some would say this leader was/is a tyrant and why some would say that this leader was/is not a tyrant. Conclude by providing your own opinion based on the evidence.

**Sources:** You must read, incorporate, and cite at least 5 sources for your analysis.

**Evaluation, Scope and Format:** Your paper will be graded for content, clarity, and accuracy of written expression. Your paper must be between 4–6 double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 pt font, one-inch margin pages with page numbers in the lower right corner. Your paper should include, as appropriate, footnotes and references in MLA format and style. Internet-only sources must be pre-approved.

**Due Date and Consultation:** Your biography is due October 25th. If you have questions or are having trouble with your paper, you must consult with me or Michelle Early (early@xavier.edu) well before the due date. Do not wait until the last minute to ask for help and do not wait until the days before the due date to get started on your paper.

**Submission:** You must bring a hard copy of your paper to class. You will also need to submit your paper to TurnItIn, an anti-plagiarism website, through the course page under assignments.

Choose from the following list of world leaders:

- Benito Mussolini
- Saddam Hussein
- Augusto Pinochet
- George W. Bush
- Barack Obama
- Donald Trump
- Francisco Franco
- Ho Chi Minh
- Mao Zedong
- Fidel Castro
- Kim Jong-Un
- Ayatollah Khomeini
- Alexander Lukashenko
- King George III
- Robert Mugabe
- Jorge Rafael Videla
- Hugo Chavez
- Napoleon Bonaparte
- Vladimir Lenin
- George Papadopoulos
- Hillary Clinton
- Vladimir Putin