

SCIE258 HW4b: Annotation of artifact and paper outline

Background

Recall that the final goal of HW4 is a research paper of 2500-4000 words, based on a document or other artifact that is relevant to the course and housed in a London archive. The final paper need not be devoted exclusively to the chosen artifact, but the final paper should include a discussion of the artifact. The final paper will be an explanation and discussion of a topic in the history of science, which could be based very closely on the artifact or could branch out from discussion of the artifact to discuss a broader topic also.

Instructions

There are two parts to the assignment. Submit both parts of the assignment to Moodle as a single document in PDF format.

Part 1 of HW4b: Notes on the artifact (50 points)

In this part of the assignment, you must submit a description of the artifact and any related materials, based on observations performed in London. Guidelines for this description are as follows:

- Aim for 500-1000 words.
- Use prose or bullet points. Any formatting may be used, provided that it conveys a clear description of the artifact to the reader.
- Include all archival specifications (item numbers, page numbers, collection name etc.).
- Include details based on your own careful observations and analysis of the artifact.
- Include ideas or questions that occur to you while observing the artifact. These are ideas that can be followed up later with additional research while at UEA.

Rubric for part 1. An excellent grade on this part of the assignment can be achieved by the following characteristics: clear and concise descriptions; careful, detailed observations and analysis of the artifact; original, insightful and imaginative questions and ideas about the artifact.

Part 2 of HW4b: Outline of the paper (50 points)

In this part of the assignment, you must submit an outline of the final paper. Guidelines for this outline are as follows:

- Aim for about one page, although longer outlines will not be penalized.
- A bullet point format is probably best.
- Include some sources in a bibliography at the end, with brief annotations indicating what the source contains and how you will incorporate it in the paper. You will be expanding on this bibliography as the semester progresses, but you need to have already identified some sources that you will be using for your research.

Rubric for part 2. An excellent grade on this part of the assignment can be achieved by the following characteristics: evidence of thoughtful research; a coherent plan for a paper that will engage the reader and contain nontrivial historical and scientific analysis; suitable choice of bibliographic sources.