

DUE WEDNESDAY, April 10, in class
No Extensions Possible under ANY circumstances

Maximum Points 10, for a short essay following the prompt listed below

Watch the film *BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR: THE UNTOLD STORY*. A link to the film can be found from “recommended films” from the BBLearn Page for the course.

Essay Prompt: What does the film ADD to your understanding of how Dalits in contemporary India responded to the world around them?

Take into account both traditional ideas and practices of discrimination, AS WELL AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT CREATED POSSIBILITIES OF CHANGE OVER TIME. In addition to the film, your essay must take into account *the appropriate readings* already listed in the syllabus. In addition to Gidla’s book, and information from Guha, I want you to read ahead and look at the readings for April 28, under the heading, “Caste and Indian Politics.”

Guidelines

Your essay needs to be **four to six pages** of TYPED, double spaced, prose with a font no larger than 12 points and using one inch margins all around.

All pages must be numbered.

The papers should be free of grammatical and typographical errors. Proofread carefully. POINTS **WILL** be deducted for stylistic and writing errors.

The essay **MUST** refer to the film *and appropriate class readings* in making its case. The prompt asks what the films **ADD** to your understanding. So, the essay needs to be more than a summary of the film. Essays that do **NOT** show evidence of familiarity with all sets of sources **WILL** be penalized.

You **MUST** provide **SPECIFIC** references to the readings, referencing page numbers of the texts you cite. Not doing so could leave you open to charges of **PLAGIARISM**. Though you may choose to use any citation style you wish, your usage must be consistent. Those using in- text (MLA style) citations **MUST** provide a bibliography/reference list at the end of the essay. The bibliography does **NOT** count toward the required pages for the essay. Merely mentioning the book/essay you cite in your prose is not considered to be an adequate citation. Cline library has help with citation styles at <https://nau.edu/library/citation-help/>

This assignment does not **REQUIRE** extra research. If you do read outside the prescribed readings, please do **NOT** use Encyclopedias, fact-books, almanacs etc. for information to write the paper. I absolutely **DO NOT** want you to cite **WEB SITES** as sources of information. Feel free to use any books by professional historians or social scientists, as well as articles in scholarly journals.