

Details of Writing Assignment

Write a term paper in English of about 2000 words (around 8 pages of A4 double-space), **including appropriate scholarly apparatus**, on ONE of the following topics:-

1. Write a detailed commentary comparing and contrasting any TWO of the Readings discussed in class, taking into account where and when they were first published in the Western media as well as the nature of the image(s) of Japan that they present.
2. Locate documents presenting images of Japan in the British and American media of the nineteenth century other than those used for the class Readings. Describe their provenance and discuss their significance.
3. The course materials have principally concerned images of Japan in the British and American media of the nineteenth century. Locate documents from the same period, which EITHER present images of Asian societies other than Japan OR are found in journals published outside Britain and the United States. Describe their provenance and discuss their significance.
4. Using the Readings discussed in class and/or other materials, discuss how images of Japan in the British and American media change from the middle to end of the nineteenth century.
5. Using the Readings discussed in class and/or other materials, discuss the relationship between pictorial and verbal images of Japan in the British and American media in the nineteenth century.
6. Using the Readings discussed in class and/or other materials, discuss the importance of the concept of Social Darwinism in relation to images of Japan found in the British and American media of the nineteenth century.
7. Using the Readings discussed in class and/or other materials, discuss the relevance of Edward Said's study of *Orientalism* to images of Japan found in the British and American media of the nineteenth century.
8. A topic of your own choice as long as it is broadly relevant to the theme of the course.

The paper should be submitted to me not later than midnight JST on **Friday 27th January**, by mail to the address below:

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Look out for a message confirming receipt of any reports sent by e-mail.