

Option Two: Guns, Germs and Steel

Critical Essay

September 2008

ASSIGNMENT: Refute Diamond's thesis. You are to come up with a different answer for Yali. What factors – other than environment- could have had an impact on historical development. You must write a 4-5 page, thesis driven paper (absolutely no more than 5 pages!) which refutes Diamond's thesis. You must find 3 critics who agree with your thesis and cite them.

Due Date:

You will write a 4-5 page typed “critical essay” which will:

1. Provide 5-6 well, developed paragraphs
2. Propose an alternate thesis
3. Provide three literary criticisms (cited) to support your thesis
4. Provide a Works Cited page (Five minimum)

Papers received after class (i.e, your class period) are considered late and will be worth half their credit with each additional day being penalized 10 pts per day (that includes Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, etc.)

Refer to Rubric for more information on evaluation. Remember to use reputable critics. Not everything on the internet is reputable. Good Luck !