For the full text, please refer to the original document.
class presentation on the paper and lead a short discussion over the themes of the paper.

Group work—Students will be assigned to groups that will work together on in-class projects, including quizzes and poster presentations. Student contributions to the group will be assessed by their peers and by the professor, and these assessments will be factored into the student’s grade.

**Due Dates:**

**Essay due dates:** Feb. 8, Feb. 22, Mar. 14, Apr. 4, Apr. 25

**Research paper due dates (with percentage of total project grade):**

- 5% Topic ideas: Feb. 1
- 5% Preliminary bibliography: Mar. 5
- 5% Outline and consultation: Apr. 2
- 20% Completed draft: Apr. 23
- 20% Presentation: Apr. 23-May 2
- 45% Final draft: May 8

**Grading:**

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**Missed Classes and Assignments:**

*Attendance:* If you cannot make a class, it is up to you to get notes from a fellow student in the class and talk with the professor about what you missed. Attendance by itself is not graded, but failure to attend will be reflected by zeros on in-class work and poor group evaluations.

*Individual assignments:* Written assignments are expected at the beginning of class on the due date stated. If you need an extension, please request one before the assignment is due. Late work is penalized by one letter grade. I generally do not accept work more than one week late.

*Reading assessment quizzes and group projects:* Missed quizzes and group projects are not made up except in specific circumstances (serious personal conflict, religious holiday, or university approved absence).

**Academic Integrity:**

Plagiarism and cheating will be dealt with according to published university procedures. For further explanation see the page "Student Academic Integrity" on the Provost's web site, [http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity/](http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity/) and the discussion of the Student Code and Academic Misconduct Code on the following web page: [http://studentconduct.ou.edu/](http://studentconduct.ou.edu/).

**Students with Disabilities and Religious Holidays:**

The university has specific policies regarding accommodations made for students with disabilities and students who have conflicts between course work and religious holidays. Please contact the instructor if you need such accommodations.

Finally, if you find you are having problems in the course, please let me know.

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