History 4F30 Notes:

At the end of select seminars, I will review, and mark, the notes that you have taken on the required reading for the seminar. While reading an assigned article or book, you should take notes under the following five headings:

I.) The author’s thesis (e.g. “the author argues that….

II.) A brief explanation of how the author supports the thesis, usually in the same order as the main points of the source text

III.) A statement of the authors’ purpose or motive (answers the question: “Why did the author bother to write this?”)

IV.) A description of the intended audience for the argument (answers the questions: “Who cares?” or “What is the context for this argument?”)

V.) Your comments or criticisms of the article