**Paper Assignment**

**History of American Entrepreneurs**

**Requirements:**

1500-2500 words (approximately 6-9 pages)

Double-spaced

12-pt font

One-inch margins

1. Your title page should include the following:

your name,

the title of your paper,

the author’s name,

the book title, (Always *italicize* or underline book titles.)

the publisher’s name, and

date of publication.

2. Explain the main argument or thesis statement and big ideas or sub-arguments of the book. If the book does not have a clear, overarching argument then say so. Scholarly books, published by university presses, usually include the book’s main argument or thesis statement in the introduction. Books pitched toward broader audiences and published by trade presses might not have a specific thesis statement—they may be organized around several themes or follow a simple chronological narrative.

3. Describe the book in detail. Some book reviews describe the main ideas of each chapter while other book reviews describe groups of chapters together. Discuss how the narrative unfolds. Examine the most important arguments and themes of the book. Consider the examples, anecdotes, and evidence that the author uses to support his or her thesis and sub-arguments. Consider looking over the footnotes and thinking about the types of primary sources that were used.

**\**If you fail to review the entire book, you will automatically lose two full letter grades on this assignment*.**

4. Include brief quotations (approximately 1-3 sentences) from various parts of the book as you describe the author’s main argument, additional themes and sub-arguments, and the supporting evidence. Include the page number in parentheses next to the quote. Choose your quotations wisely. Avoid overly long quotations designed to pad the paper to reach the stipulated length. (Yep, your professors can tell when you do that! ☺) **The quotations should come from each part of the book, whether one or more per chapter** or one or more for every several chapters – you decide the best way to do it but make sure they cover the entire book. Due to the nature of this assignment, I assume your book review will have many more quotations that most book reviews.

5. Evaluate the author’s argument and main ideas based on the evidence that he or she provided. What do you think about the book? Did the author convince you of her argument? Did you like the way she presented the narrative?

6. At the end of the paper, include the book’s table of contents. You can type it out or Xerox it.