# Topic: Nationalism/Patriotism

Each student will also write a minimum 1800 word paper that thoroughly explains his or her theological position regarding the particular contemporary cultural issue addressed.  This paper should be an expansion of the student’s theological position articulated during one’s presentation and include at least 5 additional scholarly sources than those connected the course pack or texts used in this course. **Sources for your theological position paper, must be documented using the *Turabian/Chicago Manual of Style*and include a bibliography*.*Any theological position paper that does not follow proper formatting guidelines will automatically receive a 10% deduction.**As the primary research element of this class, students will be expected to invest significant time in developing a position through research and thoughtfully supporting that position using the various elements of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. Further details regarding the scope of research and the content of these papers will be discussed in weeks 7 and 8.

These papers will be graded as follows:

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| Articulated a Well-Reasoned Theological Position Regarding the Contemporary Cultural Issue |  20 points |
| Theological Position Clearly and Reasonably Supported by the Various Elements of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral |  20 points |
| Integration of 5 Quality Scholarly Resources to Support Personal Position as Cited in Bibliography (in addition to course pack or text). | 15 points |
| Structure and Organization of Argument Made | 10 points |
| Overall Quality of Writing (Punctuation, Grammar, Spelling, Bibliography, )  | 10 points |
| Total Points | 75 points |

 In addition, your paper must be properly formatted, double-spaced, and cannot exceed a maximum of 2500 words.  (Please be advised that each Contemporary Issues Theological Position Paper not adhering to these stated expectations and formatting guidelines outlined in the Written Assignments section of the syllabus below will receive an automatic 10% deduction).  No late Contemporary Issues Theological Position Paper will be accepted.  Please consult the Written Assignments portion of this syllabus under Class Policies for more important details.