

HISTORY 102
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FIRST PAPER ASSIGNMENT (Due October 12/13)

In this assignment you are asked to compare the lives of two men who lived in India in roughly the same period, based on two texts which have been assigned in this course. These two men are:

Malik Ambar (born c. 1548 in Africa, died 1626)
Banarasidas (born 1586, died c. 1643)

You are not expected to cover every aspect of their lives. You should select just some aspects of their lives to compare and contrast. For example, you might consider one or more questions from the following list, or one or more similar questions of your own devising:

In what way did their youthful experiences prepare them for their adult lives?
What support did they receive from relatives or mentors?
How successful were they in achieving their goals, and why?
What role did religion play in their lives?
How did they interact with members of other religious communities?
What role did travel play in their lives?
What role did women play in their lives?
What role, if any, did friendships play in their lives?
In what ways did the political situation in India influence their lives?

Your paper should have an introduction, a body and a conclusion. Your introduction should explain who these two men were and make clear what aspect(s) of their lives you will compare and contrast. Your conclusion should summarize the main findings of your paper. If you wish, the conclusion can also offer some more general observations about circumstances in early modern India as reflected in these two works.

Note: Although not all of the book about Malik Ambar has been assigned for discussion in the tutorial, you may of course also consult any other parts of the book if this would be useful for your paper.

Your essay should be *approximately 1,000 words* in length (not counting the bibliographical references). The paper is due *in your tutorial on October 12/13*. The grade will be on a percent basis. Except in cases of demonstrable medical or family emergencies, there will be a *late penalty* of 1% a day for papers submitted late.

See the next page for information about references and other technical aspects of your paper.

Bibliographical Reference and Page References

Your paper should include a full bibliographical reference to the works you are using, in the following form:

Ali, Omar H. *Malik Ambar: Power and Slavery Across the Indian Ocean* (New York/Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016).

Banarasidas. *The Ardhakathanaka*, in Mukund Lath, ed., *Half a Tale: A Study in the Interrelationship Between Autobiography and History* (Jaipur: Rajasthan Prakit Bharati Sansthan, 1981), pp. 1-97.

As in all papers, you must give page references for all quotations, paraphrases and specific information. In most history papers this is done by using footnotes. However, since this paper will be based primarily or completely on just two sources, you may give page references to the sources in parentheses within the text of your paper, like this: (Ali, p. 18) or (Banarasidas, p. 14).

Guidelines in Case You Use Additional Sources

You are *not* expected to use any material other than these two sources. You should be able to write an analysis based on these texts alone. However, it is possible that some students may come across some relevant background information in some other sources. If for any reason you do make use of any source material other than these texts, then you must cite that source material correctly in footnotes and you must list any such sources in the bibliography. Examples of the correct style for any such footnotes and bibliographic entries can be found in the *Footnote Guide* on the course website.

Academic Honesty

UBC expects academic honesty from all of its students. If anything in your paper, including indirect quotations or paraphrases, is based on wording by someone else, make sure to give credit where credit is due. There are serious penalties for lapses. If you are unsure about any aspect of this, check the *Footnote Guide* or consult your tutorial instructor.

Legibility and Submission Guidelines

- Your paper should have a title.
- The text should be double-spaced with standard (1-inch) margins.
- Last-minute corrections should be made neatly in ink.
- ***Number the pages of your paper.*** (If there is a separate title page, the first page of the actual text should be p. 1.)
- ***Staple or otherwise securely fasten the paper.*** Don't use paper clips!
- ***Save the text of your paper on your computer.***
- Your paper must be ***submitted as a hard copy.*** (If the paper is submitted late you should send it to your tutorial instructor by e-mail attachment simply to show when it was completed, but then submit the hard copy as soon as possible thereafter.)