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<u>BOOK REVIEW ASSIGNMENT</u>

In this assignment you are asked to describe and critically assess the assigned book by Stephen O'Shea, *Back to the Front: An Accidental Historian Walks the Trenches of World War I,* and to compare O'Shea's point of view to material from at least one other text assigned for this course.

Your paper should describe the contents of O'Shea's book and summarize the author's point of view about various aspects of the First World War. You should discuss how effectively the author presents his material and supports his arguments. Then compare O'Shea's view of World War I with one (or, if you wish, two) of the following:

- ► the interpretation of World War I put forward by Rosa Luxemburg
- ► the interpretation of the meaning of World War I voiced by French teachers and/or veterans as described by Mona Siegel
- ► the interpretation of World War I put forward by Volker Berghahn

Your essay must include a full and correct **bibliographical reference** for the book by O'Shea as well as the other text(s) you are using.

The following form would be acceptable for referencing the text by Rosa Luxemburg:
Rosa Luxemburg, "The War and the Workers—The Junius Pamphlet, 1916," Internet Modern History Sourcebook, 1999, as modified for History 369, University of British Columbia, Fall 2015.

Your paper should provide specific examples and citations from the texts you are discussing. Because this is a review essay rather than a research paper, **page references** can be included within the body of your paper, in this form: (O'Shea, p. 42).

Your essay should be approximately **1,000 words** (not including bibliographical references).

Your essay is due in the tutorial on **October 15/16.** There will be a late penalty for papers not submitted on the due date.

> **Please note:** Your tutorial instructor may give you additional guidelines with regard to writing this paper. If so, play close attention to those guidelines!