

**ANCIENT WORLDS**  
ANTH 1910, Fall 2019

**Critical Book Review Essay Guidelines**

Your big final essay assignment asks you to reflect on what you've learned over the entire course. The essay should:

(A) Highlight the most important themes and messages that you took away from the book by Brian Fagan, and

(B) Detail the most important additions that you would make to the next edition of the book if Fagan was to write one, and if he asked you for your opinion.

With respect to (B), you need to do the following:

1. Identify the new findings and interpretations that have appeared since the book was written in 1998 that we discussed in class.

2. Choose which of these findings and interpretations are important enough to be incorporated into a second edition, and why they are important.

3. Finally, discuss how the new material should they be incorporated; for example, to what major themes established by Fagan is the new information relevant? Does the new information establish any new themes that should be a focus of the second edition?

You need to be thoughtful and efficient! Don't worry about including everything under the sun. Just focus on what you take to be the most important themes of Fagan's book, and the most important contributions of the new material that we discussed in class to better understanding the worlds of the ancients.

Paper length: 10-12 pages.

Format: Typed, double-spaced, 1 inch margins, 12 point font, with pages numbered.

Due Date: Thursday, November 21 by 4:00 pm.