

ES/SS 445: Fall 2005  
Stecher-Hansen

**Assignment:  
ABSTRACT and Bibliography:**

**DUE: Monday, Nov. 7**

**Assignment (10% of course grade):**

Write a 250-word (1 page, typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. font) description of your paper topic and attach a preliminary bibliography. The topic is your own, but it must relate to the major themes and concerns of the course, "War and Occupation in the Nordic and Baltic Region: Writers and Witnesses." Please see "**Areas of Investigation—potential directions for research paper**" listed in the course syllabus; you can use these venues to get started. You might think of the abstract as a "proposal." The abstract identifies your topic, your sources, and your goals. The abstract should be concisely written and it should offer as much specific information as possible. You will receive feedback on your abstract, which will assist you in further developing your topic.

**Guidelines for Abstract:**

- Narrow the focus of your research project.
- Write a clear proposal (abstract), formulating your thesis (argument) as precisely as possible.
- Mention the sources you are using in your proposal and state how these sources will substantiate your argument.

**Guidelines for Bibliography:**

- You must attach to the abstract a bibliography with at least 10 sources. Half (five) of sources *may* be taken from the required course reading (books and reader). No more than two sources may be taken from internet websites.
- Include at least five sources (articles, chapters in books, monographs, reference articles, or primary sources) which have NOT been included in the required course reading. These sources may include secondary sources on Reserve at Odegaard Library.
- Try searching the periodical databases (such as MLA periodicals index) online under your SUBJECT. You should be able to find some recent articles in periodicals at the Suzzallo-Allen Library.
- Format the bibliography properly. Consult a recent edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* or *Chicago Style Handbook*, as needed.

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No assignments accepted as attachments to email.