

21H.346
Fall 2005

FIRST PAPER TOPICS

Requirements

- 1) Please write a three-page paper in response to **ONE** of the topics below. The text should be double-spaced. The paper is due at the beginning of class on Monday, September 26.
- 2) Your paper must be computer-processed. Please give your paper a title, and write your name on the back of the last page. Do not write your name elsewhere on the paper. All pages should be numbered.
- 3) Citations to texts read in this course should be made in parentheses in your paper. For example, if you refer to a passage on page 13 of Beik's *Louis XIV and Absolutism*, indicate this in the following manner at the end of your sentence, after the period: (Beik, 13) Full citations to any work not assigned in class should be made in footnote or endnote form.

Topics

- 1) How absolute was the absolutism of Louis XIV? Analyze Colbert's *Instructions for the Commissioners* (85-90) to respond to this question. [Hint: you might want to review Bossuet's *Politics Derived from the Words of Holy Scripture*; and/or Beik's discussion of absolutism on 2-4.]
- 2) Why did Louis XIV institute the *Grands Jours* in the Auvergne in 1665? In what ways did these unusual legal proceedings further the goals of the crown in the 1660s?