**PAPER ASSIGNMENT #2 (World History 1101.06)**

*Choose ONE of the following topics and write an 800-1000 word essay on it. A properly written essay will include a basic thesis, laid out in the opening paragraph. It will also provide a series of arguments that support that thesis; those arguments should be backed up by as many specific examples as possible within the space limitations. Direct quotes from the period and anecdotes will make for a stronger paper. This paper must include citations, either in MLA (embedded notes) or Chicago (footnotes at the bottom of each page or end of paper) styles.*

*The paper is due on Thursday, May 13, the last regular day of classes. As before, you will submit via Blackboard.*

1) Although alive at three different periods, each roughly 500 years apart, the Buddha, Jesus Christ and the Prophet Muhammed preached spiritual messages that led to the founding of three of the world’s great religions. But, as is often said, the medium is as important as the message. That is, the lives these individuals led was almost as important for their followers as the teachings they offered. What about their lives (both as historically known or as believed by their followers) helped in spreading the spiritual teachings they professed?

2) Three schools of thought—Confucianism, Daoism, and Legalism--emerged in ancient China speaking to the subject of government and the social order. In other words, each included theories on how rulers should lead and interact with their people. Compare and contrast these three schools of thought about governance in ancient China. Who should be in it? How should it operate? What should it do?