

Pre-Reading Paper **The Folly of Empire**

Overview

Students will write a paper in which they form a thesis stating what if any bias John Judis had in writing this book. To do this, students will work in their respective groups and each person in the group will write one or two paragraphs of the paper. The group will then edit all of them so they flow together as a single paper.

Directions

1. Each person is responsible for doing research based on previous information they received on the author in class. Each student is responsible for completing their own questions from their source, which will be handed in for a grade.

2. The group after answering all of their questions will work together to form a detailed thesis based on the information they gathered.

3. The group will outline their paper making sure to do the following:
 - Deciding the structure of the paper: introduction, body, and conclusion.
 - Deciding what evidence they will use to prove their thesis.
 - Deciding which group member will write which paragraph, or paragraphs.

4. Individuals will type their paragraphs (double-spaced) and bring in their work to be edited by the group.

5. Group members will decide the logistics of how to put all of the paragraphs together into one well-written essay with everyone's names on it and no grammatical errors.