

HIST 4572

Response No. 1 / Due in class on March 27

Name _____

Type your answers out on a separate sheet of paper. Your answers for each question should be between half-a-page and one page long (single-spaced). Do not go over one page for each answer! Attach this question sheet as a cover sheet with your response.

1. Describe Gandhi's opinion of "Western Civilization" (1909) as articulated in the reading "Indian Home Rule" (original title in Hindi: *Hind Swaraj*). Based on his writing, do you think that Gandhi sees Indian and Western Civilization as compatible? Explain with concrete examples and/or quotes from the reading. What was his opinion about the compatibility of Indian Hindus and Muslims?
2. Summarize the basic argument(s) of the essay by historian Gyanendra Pandey on his study of British writings on "communalism" in India. In your answer make particular reference to two issues: (a) communal strife between Hindus and Muslims in India and (b) the construction of Indian history. Make sure to give brief but specific examples from the text.