

HIST 3635

BOOK DISCUSSION PAPER 2

The graphic novel *Laika* by Nick Abadzis is a visual treatment of an actual historical event, the mission of the first dog-in-space, launched by the Soviet Union in 1957. Based on the information in the book, construct a short biography of the dog with key points of her life and death. This part should be no more than one page long.

Then, in the next section, contrast the story you wrote (based only on the information in the book) with information contained in the short video posted online (“One Way Ticket”). This video includes direct quotes from many of the doctors involved in preparing Laika’s flight into space. In this second section (about one page), highlight the differences you found between the graphic novel and the primary sources, using direct quotes from one of the participants.

Then in conclusion, write a short section (about one page) on *which* source you would recommend as a historical source to introduce a peer to the history of Laika’s voyage into space in 1957. Here, draw some conclusions about the value of the graphic novel as a historical source, I would like you to critically evaluate the graphic novel as historical source in light of the primary sources that are available in the video.

In working on the second part of the paper, you are also required to find at least one other academic secondary source. For secondary sources, you can go to the “Useful Websites” section of the course website and go to “Online Secondary Sources.” Use the links there to search for academic journal articles or books on the topic. I do not accept Wikipedia as a legitimate source for your paper, or for that matter, random websites, blogs, or other professor’s lectures.

The length of the paper should be about 750 words (i.e., about 3 pages). All papers should be on 8” X 11” paper, double-spaced, in 12 point font, with 1” X 1” margins. Please also include a bibliography. The paper is due in class on Monday, October 17.