Notes for Argumentative History Essay

Essay question:

How did colonisers view Indigenous peoples and what were the consequences of these attitudes and beliefs? You may discuss this comparatively between - Australia and New Zealand.

Essay requirements:

* 1800 – 2000 words
* Please use footnotes as per **Chicago 17th edition**
* 12-15 references
* Sustain argument based on evidence from primary and secondary sources
* Discuss in three main themes – **for example,**
* I will first examine how British imperialists initial contact with Aboriginal Australians was represented in historical writings and reports. Then examine the social implications of this as they’re framed through the human rights and social justice discourse on Aboriginal people in Australia. Finally, this essay will examine the consequential effects of such attitudes by contemplating the social construction of the issues that Aboriginal people face Finally, highlighting the issue of autonomy and sovereignty.
* This work utilises critical discourse analysis to delve into the perceptions and attitudes of colonisers toward the Indigenous occupants that are known to have occupied the country for over 60,000 years. I examine evidence that shows the consequences of these framings and representations. Commenting on how this permeates into the cultural narrative, and consequently the effects that this has on Indigenous peoples and their human rights.
* lastly, examining the trajectory of change happening as Australia as a nation, focuses on reconciliation efforts. Can also look at collaborative research methodologies that work closely with Indigenous communities, traditional ecological knowledge as being valued and incorporated into knowledge and understandings. How this is practically applied in sustainability, environmental protection. Historically this type of knowledge wasn’t regarded as valuable. Consequently, it disempowered indigenous populations and excluded them from the academia at the time.

Please make sure you make a connection between the assumptions made about Indigenous people and the **consequences** of these assumptions –

* in Australia aboriginal people don’t have rights to their land unless they’ve been granted native title rights.
* See Closing the gap policy which shows social disadvantage of aboriginal people.
* These are some ideas that you can use.

Resources

Here are some resources, please use majority academic papers and peer reviewed sources. Some of the websites are useful background info.

* Mataira J. Peter – Transforming Indigenous research: Collaborative responses to historical research tensions (2019)
* Krichauff, Skye. 2017. *Memory, Place and Aboriginal-Settler History : Understanding Australians’ Consciousness of the Colonial Past*. London: Anthem Press. Accessed June 9, 2022. ProQuest Ebook Central.
* Laura Stocker, Leonard Collard & Angela Rooney (2016) Aboriginal world views and colonisation: implications for coastal sustainability, Local Environment, 21:7, 844-865, DOI: [10.1080/13549839.2015.1036414](https://doi.org/10.1080/13549839.2015.1036414)
* <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13549839.2015.1036414>
* <https://course.oeru.org/inda102/learning-pathways/invasion-and-the-colonial-frontier-period/european-views-of-indigenous-peoples-at-the-time-of-invasion/>
* <https://www.australianstogether.org.au/discover/australian-history/early-settlers/>
* <https://www.australianstogether.org.au/discover/australian-history/colonisation/>
* <http://www.workingwithindigenousaustralians.info/content/History_3_Colonisation.html>
* <https://indigenousknowledge.unimelb.edu.au/curriculum/resources/colonising-the-landscape>