Third Writing Assignment PS 471: Senior Assessment

Paper on an Election

Consider one of the following elections,

1992 Presidential Election

1994 Midterm Election

1996 Presidential Election

2000 Presidential Election

Write a paper of no less than 800 and no more than 1000 words.

If you choose a presidential election, you can discuss other races you feel are relevant, in addition to the presidential election. For example, you may want to also mention the 2000 Senate race in the state of Missouri. Why did so many people vote for a dead person?

Make sure the paper discusses the primary issues in the election cycle. Be sure to discuss what happened? Who won? Who ran? Why? Why did the major candidates win or lose? For a presidential election, what was the path to nomination for the challenger, or in the case of the 2000 election, both challengers? Other than the obvious, why does the election matter? Discuss the impact the election had on the two major political parties. What was the rationale for the nominee to choose his running mate?

Discuss any ‘firsts’ or a uniqueness of the election. Each election has a unique impact on our nation.

Be sure to include three sources with your paper. Be sure to use valid sources such as news outlets, government websites or academic journals. Avoid Wikipedia.

* Include a reference page (this does not count for or against your word count guidelines).
* Be sure to cite sources using in text citations or end notes. Use 12 point, Times New Roman font. Please double space the paper. Please submit as a Word document and as always, please put your name in the title of the file.

Consult syllabus for due date.