Your first assignment is to write a critical review of Erika Lee’s *At America’s Gates*. A book review is not the same as a book report. Instead, the reviewer offers a detailed analysis that evaluates the author’s argument, evidence, and mode of presentation. Book reviews are critical in the sense that they scrutinize and evaluate a book, not in the sense that they have to find fault with a book (although many reviews are indeed critical in this sense.)

**Instructions**

1. Read Erika Lee’s *At America’s Gates* in its entirety, taking note about the structure and argument of each chapter as you go along.
2. Compose a critical review of the work that evaluates the book’s argument, structure, and evidence. All reviews should have the following:
   a. A **title** that captures the sense of the book under review.
   b. A **full bibliographic citation** of the book:
      
   c. An **introduction** that engages the reader and lays out your argument about the book with a clear **thesis statement**.
   d. Multiple paragraphs that thoughtfully convey and analyze the arguments of the book. For this book, it might be easiest to write a brief paragraph for each chapter, tying each together with neat transitions.
   e. A concluding paragraph that evaluates the book as a whole. Your evaluation should not center on whether the book was boring or not, but on whether the historian presents her argument in a logical way.

**Reviews are to be between 900-1100 words.**

**All essays are due at the beginning of class on Monday, January 28 (sections 13 & 14) or Tuesday, January 29 (sections 20 & 21).**