

SECOND HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: *The Independence Movements, 1808-1830*

Due electronically by 2:30, in Class #8. Your responses to each question should be three to four paragraphs long. After I have read your responses, I will send a second set of questions, with responses due by noon in Class #9.

1) Account for the fact that by 1830, the former Portuguese American empire had remained united upon gaining its political independence, while the former Spanish American empire had fragmented. Consider political, economic, social, or cultural factors.

2) Was there a "revolution" in Brazil from 1808 to 1822? Compare the situation in Brazil to the "revolutions" in either British or Spanish America.