

21H.802
Spring 2005

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT # 1

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) The homework assignment is due at the beginning of class on Monday, February 14. Your responses should be computer-processed; I will not accept hand-written homework assignments. Please respond to each question below with a minimum of two substantial paragraphs that draw on the week's readings to respond to the question. There is no maximum limit to each response.
- 2) The point of the homework assignments is to make you think analytically and synthetically about the week's readings, and to prepare you for our class discussions. Accordingly, it would be best if you do the readings a day or two in advance of class, set them aside for awhile, then write your responses the night before class after you have had time to digest the readings.
- 3) I will grade your homework assignment and hand it back at the start of the next class.

QUESTIONS

- 1) In what ways does Argentina from 1880 to 1930 fit the model of export-import growth laid out by Skidmore and Smith in Chapter 2 of *Modern Latin America*? In what ways does it differ from this model?
- 2) Thanks to the country's success in exporting meat and grains, Argentina was clearly an economic success story at the beginning of the twentieth century. Was it also a political and social success at this time?
- 3) Was tango merely entertainment in Argentina at the beginning of the twentieth century? Or did it have more significant political and cultural meanings? If so, what were those meanings?