

Book/Article Profile

Title

Author

Author's biography

What is their position? How/when/where were they trained? What else have they written?

Historical question(s)

What question(s) is this study trying to solve?

Argument(s)

What is/are the author's argument(s)?

Key historiography

What other studies have addressed this/these questions?

Historiographical intervention(s)

How does this study change our understanding of the past?

Evidence

What sources did the author use? What sources did they not use?

Methodology

How does this historian interpret evidence?

Outline

How does the author unfold their narrative?

Most important passage

If you had to sum up this book in a quoted sentence or two, what passage would you use?

Best piece of evidence

What piece of evidence was the most convincing?

Weaknesses of argument

What weaknesses of logic or evidence could you detect?

Quality of prose

How would you assess the quality of the prose? Can you give an example of a particularly artful or awkward sentence?

Opportunities for future research

What questions are left unanswered, and/or what new questions are posed? How could this historian's methodology be adapted to historical questions that you would like to explore?