

HISTORY 165 SECTION 1, FALL 2005
WAR AND DIPLOMACY IN AMERICAN HISTORY
PAPER ASSIGNMENT FOR *MASTER AND COMMANDER: THE FAR SIDE OF THE
WORLD*

For those of you who wish to write one of your two papers on the film *Master And Commander: The Far Side of the World*, please address the following question, making your main answer to the question the thesis of your paper:

HMS Surprise is a community almost completely cut off with the outside world; the ruler of that community is Captain Aubrey. Is he a good ruler or a bad one? (To answer this, you'll have to define what you mean by "good" and "bad," keeping in mind the purpose of a warship.) Please use several specific examples from the movie to support your thesis.

Please note that while outside research isn't required, if you do such research you should footnote and attribute quotations and ideas accordingly.

Let me know if you have any questions.