1. Emigration, good or bad – and from whose point of view? Discuss with respect to the experience of one sending or receiving country (or one or more groups within these countries) during the period of mass migration, 1870-1914.

2. It is often argued that the pre-WWI gold standard facilitated international trade and foreign investment. Did it? If so, how; if not, why not?

3. Did the expansion of international trade 1870-1914 foster convergence in the Atlantic community? Explain why it did or did not and support your argument with qualitative and/or qualitative evidence.

The essay should be no longer than 6 double-spaced pages (roughly 1800 words). The general idea is to choose a topic and define it sufficiently well that you can treat it seriously within the prescribed space. Suggested topics are broad and thus require considerable narrowing and refinement. Readings included in the course syllabus will provide you with a sufficient set of references for your essay but feel free to add material as you see fit.