

History 102: The History of the United States Since 1865
Reading the Introduction (Prep 1) - Worth 15 points
Due: Monday, May 16

In this preparation assignment I am simply asking you to read the Introduction to *The Triangle Fire*, by Jo Ann Argersinger and to use the notes you took from the video, The Triangle Fire on PBS video stream - if you wish to review the video go here: (<http://video.pbs.org/program/american-experience/>). Then, answer the following questions:

1. List and describe specifically, four examples of working conditions of garment workers in New York. Provide two examples from the book and two from the video. Please note the page number of the example you use from the book, using the following format (Argersinger, 20).
2. What were the garment workers of New York trying to achieve in their 'uprising' in 1909? Were they successful? Use the text to answer this question, and use **at least one quote** from the book in your response. Cite this source the same way described in question 1.
3. How many people died in the fire? Why didn't these people get out of the building? Who was responsible for the problems with escape? This material should come from both the video and book. Please note page numbers in book for evidence used here, using the format exemplified in question 1.
4. How did the people of New York respond to the fire? List and explain three examples of these responses. At least one example needs to involve **how the role of government changed as a result**, and two examples must come from the book.

Format of Responses:

- Typewritten, name, date, class in upper right corner, stapled on left upper corner.
- Type each question, then below type your response.
- If you use a quote, introduce the source of the quote in your paper prior to the quote (for example, according to Argersinger) and at the end of the quote indicate the author and appropriate page number (Argersinger, 20).
- Failure to follow these directions will result in an automatic deduction of 10%.
- While I encourage you to work with a study group, your responses must be your own. If I find two sets of responses that are the same or look as though a few words are changed, both papers will receive a "0" on this assignment.