

His 5400, Order and Disorder. Two-page response paper. Respond to the following quote by using the theory/hypothesis of another historian to agree, disagree, or modify. Be sure to (a) quote/analyze that historian, (b) use a quote from a primary source, (c) suggest what types of primary sources would help prove your point, (d) position yourself (take a stand). Be brief. Get to the point. *Due 31 Oct.*

One of the marks distinguishing early modern from industrialised and urbanised society is the lack of a concept of privacy. This striking finding of recent research ...seems to be crucial to the enforcement of authority in our period.... Some women were seen as a visible threat to effective patriarchalism. Neighbours thought it proper to intervene in cases of domestic violence. Verbal insult was a currency of village life that could not be treated lightly.... People were never entirely safe from prying and reporting either at the alehouse bench or in their own homes at this time. But there was a rationale to this intrusiveness which we can perhaps appreciate by concluding, however tentatively, that the English people in the early modern period were not an ungovernable people. This is not to say of course that they were never intransigent or invariably docile.

A.J. Fletcher and J. Stevenson, "Introduction," *Order and Disorder in Early Modern England* (1985), 40