Writing a Historiographical Paper

A *historiography paper* is an essay that analyses the different ways in which various historians have approached a historical topic. Unlike a research paper, a historiography paper is not a study of a historical subject; instead, it is an examination of how scholars’ interpretations of history and historical events have changed over time. A historiography paper should give a detailed overview of the major works of scholarship on a topic, and it should summarize, evaluate, and critique the arguments of each of those works.

Check these resources on historiography:

http://www.cgu.edu/pages/840.asp

http://www2.ku.edu/~writing/guides/historiography.shtml

http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/writing/history/assignments/historiographic.html

For the development of national, regional and topic historiographies, see the following two volume set:

*Encyclopedia of historians and historical writing*

REF D14 .E53 1999

*Elizabeth Gibson*

*Learning and Research Services*

*Stauffer Library*

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