Appendix 6
Assessing the ability of students to ask questions and supplement arguments using factual evidence from tertiary sources (4e)

A Little Research: What do I need to know?

You have received a handout containing three things:

1. The entry from the Encyclopaedia Britannica on Earl Godwine
2. Four medieval texts about Earl Godwine
3. A map showing where the texts were written and where Godwine’s lands were located.

Your mission: to provide an historical context for each text that might explain the position each one takes toward Godwine. I’ve chosen Godwine, because he is the first “outlaw” and we’re about to do a unit on outlaws. You should write a paragraph for each text (no need to pull them together into an essay), showing how a particular historical context for the text would lead to a particular depiction of Godwine.

Our textbook doesn’t give information at the level of detail that would allow you to establish a context, so you will have to do a little research. You have the Encyclopaedia article to give you the main historical outlines. The map will show the spatial relationships between where the texts were produced. You’ll have to figure out what other information you will need to know and look it up (the handout about primary sources may give you some ideas here). There are no restrictions on where you can look, although reference works will provide all you need.

A few ground rules:

1. **NO QUOTATIONS.** Paraphrase the material from your reading.
2. Cite your sources. If you are using on-line sources, use the citation form they provide. If you are using book sources, include page citations. You don’t need to get formal about the citations as long as the information that would permit us to locate them is included.

This assignment will be graded using the following criteria:

3 points = Doing all the tasks of the assignment thoroughly and with high quality
2 points = Doing all the tasks of the assignment reasonably thoroughly with good quality
1 point = Doing all of the tasks of the assignment with acceptable quality
0 point = Please do this assignment again: you haven't done all the tasks of the assignment and/or the quality of the work is not yet acceptable
-1 point to overall homework grade = you haven't turned in the homework
Seventh Homework Rubric

Graded by:

Has the author written about all four texts? (Y / N)

Has the author made use of the map, the encyclopedia entry, and the dating provided with the primary source texts? (Y / N)

Has the author done additional research to support his or her answer? (Y / N)

Has the author cited his or her sources for any additional research done? (Y/N)

Has the author asked useful questions to guide the research, as based on the additional evidence he or she uses? (Y / N) If no, comments:

Has the author arrived at a plausible explanation for the historical context of each of the sources? (Y / N) Additional comments:

What is well done in the assignment?

What does the author need to work on?

Grade (3,2,1,0=please do again):