

Response to Readings: Saturday, November 1, 2008

The Next President of the United States: The Campaigns of 1840 and 1920

Core theme: Presidents and Politics: Ohio and American Political History

Readings

Philip Weeks, editor. *Buckeye Presidents*. Kent: Kent State University Press, 2003.

Introduction to Part I: pp. 3-7

“William Henry Harrison,” pp. 9-39;

Introduction to Part III, pp. 173-179;

“Warren G. Harding,” pp. 243-274

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These readings provide context for the campaigns, both broadly in terms of the American political party system and more specifically in the careers of the winning candidates (both before and after the election—something that was a bit longer for Mr. Harding than for Mr. Harrison). They also provide detail about the campaigns in terms of events, issues, images, and artifacts.

As you read, think about the following question and answer it in one to two double-spaced, typed pages:

Compare and contrast these two elections. There is a lot you can write about here, so choose a few points of similarity and difference that you consider interesting or important. Describe these similarities and differences and write about why they struck you as significant.