

# Historical Archaeology Review Guidelines

1. A review shall be an unbiased professional opinion of a published work, not a personal diatribe about the author. A review should inform about the content and scholarly value of the work. Be fair, balanced, and adhere to recognized professional standards. **Do not accept a review assignment if any real or perceived conflict of interest exists.**
2. Reviews must be submitted in a timely fashion. **Do not accept a review assignment if you cannot deliver by the assigned due date.** Books must be returned if a review is not forthcoming in a timely manner.
3. Sign and date the original copyright form and return it to me (the Reviews Editor) upon the completion of the book. Your name and address on the release must agree exactly with what you put in the review signature block. Do not use initials for your signature if you wish your full name to appear in print.
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17. Use a comma in a series of three items (explorers, settlers, and natives) and place all commas and periods inside of the final quotation marks (He said, “Let’s go.”) (The whole effect, including the “landscape,” was horrible.)
18. In-text references to the work being reviewed will be specified only by the page number(s), thus: (p. 296) or (pp. 254-261).
19. References to other works are to be avoided, but if necessary should be fully contained in text with no “references cited” section. For example (Ed Smith, 1996, *Historical Archaeology*, 28(1):35-50) or (Jane Doe, 1977, *Method and Theory*, New Press, New York).