

Assignment

Write between 1500 and 2400 characters (including spaces) about a historical person. The text should be written as an entry in a lexicon for danmarkshistorien.dk. An entry about a person is chosen since these entries are often easier to handle than topic entries.

The assignment has two purposes:

1. Learning to write in the format of danmarkshistorien.dk
2. Learning to synthesize the key information about a historical event (person in this context)

Guidelines

- The text should convey factual knowledge about a historical person and a description of the person's historical significance.
- Do only include significant bibliographical data
- No discussion about academic practice, general discussion, footnotes, references or descriptions of other people's opinions
- Start with a short summary of the article that can be read as an independent description of the content
- If necessary use headlines
- Each paragraph should be around 4-6 sentences long. Paragraphs are separated by a full empty line
- As far as possible, each paragraph should be able to stand alone
- Write in a clear language without patronizing the reader
- And most importantly: Put yourself in the place of the reader

Suggestions

- Struensee
- Viggo Kampmann
- Klaus Berntsen

Literature

Don't spend too much time searching for literature - the writing part is the most important. I will assess how you have used the information in this particular format, not whether you have written something original about the person. In principle this assignment can be solved with the help from entries at denstoredanske.dk and the biographical lexicon (Wikipedia too, if there are good articles there). A copy of the entries on the three suggested persons from biographical lexicon will be available. For Kampmann and Berntsen you can also look at Søren Mørch's "24 prime ministers" which will be available on the semester shelf in the library (make copies if you need to and put the book back afterwards).