Read the book and write an analysis of 3-5 pages (double spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font, 1 inch margins). Your analysis should be written in essay format with an introduction, several body paragraphs, and a conclusion. You should have a separate title page that includes the title of your essay, your name, date, and course. The title page does not count as one of the required pages of your essay. Use Chicago Manual of Style citation when necessary.

Within your essay you must have a thesis statement in the introductory paragraph and answer ALL of the following questions. Essays that do not have a thesis statement will receive a 10 point deduction. You do not have to answer these questions in order, and your analysis should not be written as a set of short answers to each question. The entire essay should be one cohesive piece that has a logical flow from beginning to end. Remember, this is not a book report or summary, it is meant to be a historical analysis.

1. Within the framework of Mexican American studies, how would you categorize the story of *With His Pistol in His Hand*? (i.e. exploitation, assimilationist, resistance, adaptation) Does the narrative fit into more than one category? Explain and provide examples from the book.

2. Why does Americo Paredes (the author) provide a detailed history of the Texas Ranger at the beginning of this book? Define the role this history play in the corrido and legend of Gregorio Cortez. How and why does this differ from the traditional narrative of the Rangers? Explain what it means that people on both sides of the border use the term Rangers (*rinches*) in referencing all law enforcement.

3. One of the innovative aspects of this study was Paredes’ use of the corrido as a legitimate historical source. How successful is he at convincing the reader that corridos are important documents to study? Explain.

4. Provide your opinion of the book. Were you surprised by anything you learned? What do the legend and corrido of Gregorio Cortez reveal about Mexican American history?