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In developing your answer to Part II, be sure to keep this general definition in mind:

discuss means “to make observations about something using facts, reasoning, and argument; to present in some detail”

Part II

THEMATIC ESSAY QUESTION

Directions: Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs addressing the task below, and a conclusion.

Theme: Human and Physical Geography

Throughout history, geographic features have influenced the development of civilizations and regions. Geographic features have both promoted and limited interactions with other civilizations and regions.

Task:

Select **two** different geographic features and for **each**

- Discuss how this geographic feature influenced the development of a specific civilization or region
- Discuss how this geographic feature promoted **and/or** limited the interaction of this civilization or region with **another** civilization or region

You may use any geographic feature from your study of global history and geography. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include Nile River, Atlantic Ocean, Himalayas, Sahara Desert, Great Northern Plain, location of Japan, Mediterranean Sea, Russian steppes, Brazilian rain forest, and Indian Ocean monsoons.

You are *not* limited to these suggestions.

Do *not* use a specific geographic feature within the United States in your answer.

Guidelines:

In your essay, be sure to

- Develop all aspects of the task
- Support the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization, including an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme