



DBQ Essay Template

Introduction

In this section you will be assisted in creating your introduction. By using the **D.R.L.** formula you will be starting your essay with the full amount of credit necessary. So, that would be 5 out of 5 for the rubric. If you didn't already know. DRL means: **D**efine, **R**evise, and **L**ist. More will be discussed about this during the writing process.

Step #1: Define - Look at your theme or historical context and write a definition for the theme. What is your theme?

Write the definition of the theme above in the box below. When you define your theme, think of a definition. If you can't think of a definition describe the theme or what it is? If it already exists change the wording.

Step #2: Revise & ReWrite: This is the section where you will Re-Write the theme or historical context. Use the W.R.S. (Word Replacement Strategy) for paraphrasing and rewriting your theme. The W.R.S. (Word Replacement Strategy) allows you to replace words inside your theme, so that you can score the maximum amount of points possible in your introduction. The following steps will assist you in accomplishing this goal:

1. Circle the words in the theme that DO NOT include the theme itself. So if your theme is GEOGRAPHY you do not have to replace that word.
2. Find Synonyms (Words that mean the same) for each of your circled words.
3. Replace the words in your theme with the synonyms. This will create a paraphrase of the theme in your own words. Remember to keep your re-written theme in the same context or same meaning as the original theme.

Step #3: List: On this step you will list your topics that you are going to discuss for your essay. This should be the final sentence in your introduction. This step allows the audience (the reader), to find out what topics you are going to discuss in your essay. Avoid the use of first person language in your essay such as; "I, I'm, I am

