

DBQ'S MADE EASY

FINDING THE CORRECT BALANCE

Topic Body Paragraph(s)

- THIEDIED Method
- Evidence **should not** be long quotes, but rather a paraphrase of the evidence.
- Evidence **must be cited** at end of your sentence as follows; ... (Doc 1).
- You must have multiple pieces of **Outside Information**

Information

- (information/context not found in your documents or historical context)
- You must cite your Outside Information as; ... (Outside Information).
- Use a transition phrase to link information and paragraphs.

Analysis Paragraph

- Your Analysis paragraph could use any of the following;
 - Compare/Contrast
 - Positives or Negative
 - Success or Failure
 - Progress or Decline
- Your analysis must contain details and not general information.

Conclusion

- Same format as a Thematic Essay.
- You need to **Synthesize** (Compare or contrast to another time period or today).
- Your **Synthesis** must be detailed and not general.

INTRODUCTION

- **DRL** Formula
 - **D**efine your theme
 - **R**eWrite your Historical Context
 - **L**ist the Topic(s) you are writing about

• **Note:** If you are good at turning your essay prompt into an argument, then use that method.

- This is the same as a Thematic Essay

SOME ESSAY WRITING TIPS

Historical Context – Use the 5W's

- Who – can be groups of people (The British, The Roman Catholics)
- What – Overall what occurred?
- Where – a physical place (Great Britain, London, Florence, Italy)
- When – a date, year, century (1800s, 19th century, mid 19th century)
- Why – a brief reason why (There was social, and economic unrest...)
- Use elements of **PERSIA** for details (Political, Economic, Religion, Social, Intellectual, and Area)
- Don't use Long Quotes! **Paraphrase.**
- **Analyze** within your body paragraphs as well an overall analysis theme in your Analyzing paragraph.
- **Capitalize** proper nouns (Names of countries, people, events, time periods, etc)
- **Cite Evidence** from Documents as: ... (Doc 1). or (Document 1).
- Outside Information must not exist in your documents! Cite and Label it (Outside Information). You must have it!
- **Don't Abbreviate Anything!**
- **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE USED THE CORRECT # OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED!**