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In developing your answer be sure to keep these general definitions in mind:**(a) describe means “to illustrate something in words or tell about it”****(b) explain means “to make plain or understandable; to give reasons for or causes of; to show the logical development or relationships of”****THEMATIC ESSAY QUESTION**

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

Theme: Turning Points

Turning points are major events in history that have led to lasting change.

Task:

Identify *two* major turning points in global history and for *each*:

- Describe the historical circumstances surrounding the turning point
- Explain how *each* turning point changed the course of history

You may use any example from your study of global history. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include: The Enlightenment, The Industrial Revolution, The French Revolution, The Scientific Revolution, The Age of Nationalism, The Age of Imperialism, World War I, World War II, The Cold War.

You are *not* limited to these suggestions.

Do *not* use any turning points in United States history.

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