

HOW TO WRITE A DBQ

- I. APPROACH DBQ AS A STANDARD FREE RESPONSE
 - A. DON'T JUST CITE DOCUMENTS; ANALYZE
 - B. PREPARE USING P.I.E. WITHOUT DOCUMENTS



- II. READ QUESTION TWICE
 - A. LOOK FOR CLUES FOR LOGICAL ORGANIZATION
 - B. LOOK FOR CLUES FOR OUTSIDE INFORMATION
- III. FORMULATE A TENTATIVE THESIS PRIOR TO DOCUMENTS
 - A. THESIS WILL BE FRAMEWORK FOR LOOKING AT DOCS.
 - B. FOCUS ON MAIN IDEA OF DOCUMENTS
 - C. THESIS MAY NEED REVISION
- IV. ESTABLISH TENTATIVE CATEGORIES PRIOR TO DOCUMENTS
 - A. PUT DOCUMENTS INTO CATEGORIES
 - B. CATEGORIZE OUTSIDE INFORMATION
 - C. MAY NEED REVISION
- V. BRAINSTORM OUTSIDE INFORMATION PRIOR TO DOCUMENTS
 - A. HELPS ORGANIZE ESSAY & LINK DOCS TO FACTS
 - B. SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN ESSAY
- VI. EXAMINE DOCUMENTS FOR:
 - A. MAIN IDEA AS IT RELATES TO THESIS
 - B. OUTSIDE INFORMATION
- VII. FOLLOW NORMAL ESSAY WRITING TECHNIQUE
 - A. CENTER PARAGRAPHS ON CATEGORY (POINT)
 - B. MAIN IDEA SHOULD BE TOPIC SENTENCE
 - C. UTILIZE ILLUSTRATIONS & EXPLANATIONS FOR ANALYSIS