

Prep & Plan: 5 minutes - Break down question, Brainstorm, Rough draft thesis

6-8 Minutes

Intro Paragraph

- 3-4 sentences describing the historical context of the question
- 1 sentence thesis statement at the end
 - Answers all parts of the question
 - Phrasing sets up argument
 - Includes SPECIFIC counterpoint
 - Includes 2-3 specific main points

8-11 Minutes

Body Paragraph 1

- Topic sentence that identifies the main point the paragraph will cover
- 5-8 sentences of argument:
 - Include 2-3 specific pieces of evidence
 - Introduce evidence
 - Explain evidence
 - Explain how evidence supports your assertion
- Summary sentence
- ONCE in the essay, 2-3 sentences explaining how evidence or main point is similar to or related to another event or development in American or World history

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Body Paragraph 2

- Topic sentence that identifies the main point the paragraph will cover
- 5-8 sentences of argument:
 - Include 2-3 specific pieces of evidence
 - Introduce evidence
 - Explain evidence
 - Explain how evidence supports your assertion
- Summary sentence
- ONCE in the essay, 2-3 sentences explaining how evidence or main point is similar to or related to another event or development in American or World history

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Counterpoint Paragraph

- 2-3 sentences explaining the counterpoint (you may also use one of the documents here to show that the counterpoint has merit.
- 2-3 sentences explaining why the counterpoint is less historically significant than your assertion
- RESTATE YOUR THESIS

POSSIBLE Body Paragraph 3 - Repeat the same actions here

**TOTAL TIME TO WRITE
40 Minutes**