

Section VI: Suggested Generic DBQ Structure

Thesis Paragraph

- Background/Context (Optional. "Where does this question fall in the larger context of history?")
- Thesis Statement
- "Road Map" (outline of later categories of document Groupings/Analysis)
- Additional Document (Optional)

Body Paragraph #1 (1st Group of Analyzed Doc's)

- Topic Sentence (what characteristic do these doc's share, and how does that support the thesis?)
- Evidence Doc #1 (what text from doc #1 supports the thesis or this paragraph's topic?)
POV/Analysis of doc #1 (see the "Who?, When?, Audience?, Why?" questions from)
- Evidence Doc #2 (what text from doc #2 supports the thesis or this paragraph's topic?)
POV/Analysis of doc #2
- Evidence Doc #3 (what text from doc #3 supports the thesis or this paragraph's topic?)
POV/Analysis of doc #3
- § How these doc's relate/compare to each other. (The fullest understanding of any individual document emerges only when that document is viewed within the wider context of ALL the documents.)

Body Paragraph #2 (2nd Group of Analyzed Doc's)

- Topic Sentence (what characteristic do these doc's share, and how does that support the thesis?)
- Evidence Doc #1 (what text from doc #1 supports the thesis or this paragraph's topic?)
POV/Analysis of doc #1 (see the "Who?, When?, Audience?, Why?" questions)
- Evidence Doc #2 (what text from doc #2 supports the thesis or this paragraph's topic?)
POV/Analysis of doc #2
- Evidence Doc #3 (what text from doc #3 supports the thesis or this paragraph's topic?)
POV/Analysis of doc #3
- § How these doc's relate/compare to each other. (The fullest understanding of any individual document emerges only when that document is viewed within the wider context of ALL the documents.)

Body Paragraph #3 (3rd Group of Analyzed Doc's)

- Topic Sentence (what characteristic do these doc's share, and how does that support the thesis?)
- Evidence Doc #1 (what text from doc #1 supports the thesis or this paragraph's topic?)
POV/Analysis of doc #1 (see the "Who?, When?, Audience?, Why?" questions)
- Evidence Doc #2 (what text from doc #2 supports the thesis or this paragraph's topic?)
POV/Analysis of doc #2
- Evidence Doc #3 (what text from doc #3 supports the thesis or this paragraph's topic?)
POV/Analysis of doc #3
- § How these doc's relate/compare to each other. (The fullest understanding of any individual document emerges only when that document is viewed within the wider context of ALL the documents.)

Conclusion

- Include Additional Doc (if not included previously)
- Restatement/Summarization of Thesis