

APUSH DBQ/LEQ

Essay Format

<p>Intro Paragraph 1</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>CONTEXTUALIZATION:</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 3-4 Sentences (minimum).2. Start every essay with the phrase: "<u><i>In the broad context of the question...</i></u>"3. Describe the broad historical content <i>RELEVANT</i> to the prompt.4. Think of the opening "crawl" on Star Wars (even though the movie is WAY overrated...). Explain <i>HOW</i> we arrived at this point in US history. 2. <u>THESIS:</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Multiple sentences (2-3).2. "Historically defensible" - one that you can backup/prove with historically accurate arguments.3. Responds to ALL parts of the prompt (read closely).4. Must do more than simply restate or rephrase the prompt.5. Located in the intro...OR the conclusion (put it in BOTH!).6. Will contain the "<i>Roadmap</i>" that tells the reader what your body paragraphs will contain and is the outline for the organization of the rest of your essay.
<p>Body Paragraphs 2-5 (Depending on the question)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>1st Sentence:</u> "<i>Topic Sentence</i>" that refers to the thesis and introduces the topic of the paragraph. 2. <u>Next 3-4 Sentences: Evidence!</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>DBQ:</u> Use 1-3 appropriate documents to support your argument.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use and <u>underline</u> the "<i>document sourcing</i>" for 1-2 documents: (HIPP)• Provide at least one piece of specific <i>outside evidence</i> that is relevant to your thesis.• <u>LEQ:</u> Provide 2-3 pieces of specific <i>outside evidence</i> that is relevant to your thesis.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use this specific historical evidence to <i>support</i> your thesis. 3. <u>Last Sentence:</u> Restate this paragraph's argument and <u>explain</u>, <i>using the significant verbiage from the prompt</i>, exactly <i>HOW</i> the topic of this paragraph has been covered and your point has been supported/proven. <p>*Repeat this format for the remaining body paragraphs.</p>
<p>Conclusion Paragraph 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restate your thesis and summarize the main points that you have <u>PROVEN</u> throughout the essay.

