

## DBQ Essay Structure

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Essential Question: \_\_\_\_\_

**Paragraph #1 - Claim: What is your answer to the essential question? (3 – 4 sentences)**

**\*\*\*Avoid using too many pronouns (I, we, me, you)\*\*\***

**\*\*\* Try to include at least one proper noun\*\*\***

Example of opening sentence – “After analyzing the documents related to (topic), it can be determined (answer the essential question using a noun)....”

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Provide historical context on the topic (this generally comes from the background) in 2 - 3 sentences.

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**Paragraph 2 – Evidence: Support your claim (3 – 4 sentences)**

**\*\*\*Use primary source document from the DBQ\*\*\***

**\*\*\* Avoid using too many pronouns (I, them, we, me, you)\*\*\***

Example of opening sentence – “The best document to support this is Document.....” (Use a proper noun and facts/quotes to support claim )

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“The evidence shows that....”(Use FACTUAL information: Do **not** use I think, It might, maybe)

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**Paragraph 3 – Evidence: Support your claim (3 – 4 sentences)**

**\*\*\*Use a *different* primary source document from the DBQ\*\*\***

**\*\*\* Avoid using too many pronouns (I, them, we, me, you)\*\*\***

Example of opening sentence – “The best document to support this is Document.....” (Use a proper noun and facts/quotes to support claim )

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“The evidence shows that....”(Use FACTUAL information: Do **not** use I think, It might, maybe)

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**Paragraph #4 – Conclusion (3 – 4 sentences)**

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“In conclusion.....” (Restate the claim – elaborate on your evidence – persuasively prove your point)

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