

8 STEPS TO WRITING A 5 PARAGRAPH DBQ FOR APUSH

Step 1: Determine what **topic** the statement or question is addressing & what units are involved.

Step 2: Determine what key **terms** in the question/statement need to be defined and what the **date parameters** of the question are. Except for your synthesis stay within the dates set forth.

Step 3: Make a list of all **outside information** that would be relevant to the question.

Step 4: Review and **analyze all 7 of the documents** as they relate to the question.

Step 5: Write a clear and concise **thesis statement** that answers the question or statement.

Step 6: Provide substantial and appropriate **factual support** for your thesis statement making sure to reference all 7 of the provided documents. Never quote from the document or describe it at length, instead assert why it supports or refutes your argument and provide contextualization for the time period being asked about.

Step 7: Make sure to include a HIPP statement as to three of the 7 documents.

Step 8: Finish with an analysis paragraph (5th paragraph) to another event or time or person related to your topic and answer to show complete understanding.

