

DBQ #1 - To what extent did the American Revolution fundamentally change American Society? (political/social effects)

Paragraph #1 - Introduction

Two key parts, contextualization and thesis

Contextualization

- What led to the Revolution?
- What events marked turning points in the relationship between England and the Colonies?
- What historical information helps set up your thesis?
- 2-4 sentences

Thesis

- Works the best at the end of your introduction.
- Make sure it clearly addresses the question (fundamental political/social change)
- It's not enough to simply say that there was/wasn't fundamental change, give the big picture reasons.

Paragraphs #2/3 - Body #1 & 2

- Can address political or social changes that took place.
- Start the paragraph with a topic sentence that clearly addresses the questions and is the main idea of the paragraph.
- Look at the political/social point that you made in your thesis and go into more depth as you set a roadmap for your analysis.
- Remember, the documents are to be used as supporting evidence for your analysis. **DO NOT SUMMARIZE THE DOCUMENT.** That's pretty much an instant L for all of your document points.
- For four documents, *after* you've used them to support your analysis, take your analysis one more step by addressing POV, historical situation, audience or purpose.
- Make sure you stay connected to the question, a key thing that helps with this is to clearly connect back to the question and the end of your paragraph.

Paragraph #4 - Conclusion

- Re-state your thesis
- Further develop your contextualization. Analyze the broader historical events that “continue after the timeframe of the question.”