

Blind DBQs...It's Time

I. Intro.

- 3-4 sentences of context that sets up your thesis.
- Thesis - make sure you clearly address the question

****Remember, you can be halfway to a 4 (which is a good DBQ score) after this first paragraph.**

II, III, & IV(?) Body Paragraphs

- Start with a clear topic sentence that clearly addresses the question.
- DO NOT START WITH A DOCUMENT
- Make sure the documents are used to support your points of analysis.
- Be sure to use the specific source when integrating and don't quote.
Put (Doc. #) at the end of the sentence you use the document.
- Connect back to question when possible and make especially sure you connect back at the end of the paragraph.

****Don't forget about the outside information point. Try to work in one solid piece of outside information to deepen your analysis in each paragraph.**

IV, V(?) - Conclusion

- Restate your thesis.
- Extend context - how did the topic and time period of the DBQ impact later years/decades?

How Many Docs?

Plan A - 6 or 7. Source at least 4. You understand all the docs and have a clear place for them in your analysis. This can get you all 3 doc points.

Plan B - 4, source all of them. - You're worried about time and/or you don't understand where some of the documents fit. The docs you don't like, flush them. Focus on quality integration (ideally two in each body paragraph) This gives you a cushion in case you misinterpret/misuse one. You can get 2 of the 3 doc points.

Plan C - 3, source all of them. This was not the DBQ you were hoping for and you are worried about time. Focus on integrating three docs into your analysis and source all of them. You have no room for error with these docs but you can still earn 2 of the doc points.