ENDURING ISSUE ESSAY

This question is based on the accompanying documents. The question is designed to test your ability to work with historical documents. Some of these documents have been edited for the purposes of this question. As you analyze the documents, take into account the source of each document and any point of view that may be presented in the document. Keep in mind that the language used in a document may reflect the historical context of the time in which it was written.

An enduring issue is a challenge or problem that has been debated or discussed across time. An enduring issue is one that many societies have attempted to address with varying degrees of success.

Task:

- Identify and define an enduring issue raised by this set of documents
- Using your knowledge of social studies and evidence from the documents, argue why the issue you selected is significant and how it has endured across time

In developing your answers to Part III, be sure to keep these explanations in mind:

Identify – means to put a name to; to name.

Define – means to explain features of a thing or concept so that it can be understood.

Argue – means to provide a series of statements that provide evidence and reasons to support a conclusion.

Guidelines:

In your essay, be sure to

- Identify the enduring issue based on a historically accurate interpretation of at least three documents.
- Define the issue using evidence from at least three documents
- Argue that this is a significant issue that has endured by showing:
  - How the issue has affected people or has been affected by people
  - How the issue has continued to be an issue or has changed over time
- Include outside information from your knowledge of social studies and include evidence from the document
**OPTIONAL**
You may use the Pre-Planning Page organizer to plan your response if you wish, but do NOT write your essay response on this page. Writing on this Pre-Planning Page will NOT count toward your final score.

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**Enduring Issue Pre-Planning Page**

My Enduring Issue is: ________________________________

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<th>One or two possible ideas for outside info</th>
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Refer back to review the task.

Write your essay on the lined pages.
Enduring Issue Essay Outline

Introduction:

• Identify and define an enduring issue

• Thesis statement(s) – a sentence for each time period that will discuss evidence of where/when/how this was an enduring issue (based upon the documents selected)

Body Paragraphs Format:

• Each selected document becomes the focus of a body paragraph
• 3 Documents = 3 body paragraphs

1) Topic Sentence: ___(selected issue)___ was an enduring issue during ___(time period)___.

2) This was an enduring issue because ___(reason)___
   
   o Use evidence from the document to explain why this was an enduring issue and how it affected people (or how people affected the issue)
   
   o Use outside knowledge to explain why this was an enduring issue and how it affected people (or how people affected the issue)
   
   o Use relevant facts, examples, details that demonstrate the enduring issue and how it affected people (or how people affected the issue).

3) Argue that this has continued to be an issue in this region because ____________
   
   OR Argue that the issue in this region has changed over time because __________
   
   o Use relevant facts, examples, and details to support your argument

Conclusion:

• Rewrite introduction in different language – Describe the enduring issue in the areas/time periods that you wrote about

• Do NOT offer any new evidence in the conclusion. If you have “more” evidence, go back and put it into the appropriate body paragraph.