**How to Write A DBQ Essay – Regents Prep Global History**

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DBQ stands for “Document based question” where there will be a number of documents provided with the essay question to analyze and use when presenting your thesis, as well as in your main point paragraphs. The documents contain bias = (a point of view), and it helps to point it out during your essay.

**Introduction:**

1. Copy the “Historical Context”

* It is best practice to re-write the Historical Context in your own words, however if you are stuck --- just copy it word for word as your introductory sentence

1. Add an outside sentence after each sentence within the Historical Context.
2. Define a word from the Historical Context if you can’t’ think of anything else.

**Ex: Historical Context*:***

***One of the most important turning points in human history was the change that occurred during the Neolithic Revolution. A revolution is a permanent change in the way that people live. This shift from the Paleolithic Era or the Old Stone Age to the Neolithic Era or the New Stone Age changed the course of the human race.***

1. Look at the TASK bullet or bullets and put them into a sentence by removing the discuss or describe and adding “there are“ or anything that makes sense to you.

**Ex:**

* ***Describe the change experienced from the Paleolithic era to the Neolithic era.***
* ***Discuss how this change influenced the development of civilizations.***

**Sample Introduction Paragraph**

**One of the most important turning points in human history was the change that occurred during the Neolithic Revolution. A revolution is a permanent change in the way that people live. This shift from the Paleolithic Era or the Old Stone Age to the Neolithic Era or New Stone Age changed the course of the human race. The Neolithic Revolution had a major effect on the lives of people everywhere. The impact of this revolution still lasts today.**

**Body Paragraphs (Use the Graphic Organizer provided by your teacher)**

1. Make sure you label each document in the Graphic Organizer

**As shown in Document #...**

**According to Document #...**

1. Copy your answers directly from the constructed response or the document itself into the Graphic Organizer. You can make a separate paragraph for each constructed response or if there are only a few of one task you can put them together in a paragraph.

**Now you write your 2 body paragraphs**

**Don’t forget to answer the Task and use the documents for support and examples**

***Paragraph # 1: Describe the change experienced from the Paleolithic era to the Neolithic era.***

***Paragraph # 2: Discuss how this change influenced the development of civilizations.***

**Conclusion**

1. Rewrite the Historical Context
2. Add an outside sentence after each sentence within the Historical Context
3. This time instead of defining a word as you did in your introduction add key phrases from your body paragraphs

**Sample Conclusion Paragraph**

**The Neolithic Revolution led to the development of agriculture or farming. Farming greatly impacted the Neolithic people as had a steady and dependable food source. This is one of the major factors that led to the development of civilization. The Neolithic Revolution impacted the world by influencing people to settle into villages and towns. This led to job specialization, trade, and a growth in population.**