

## **Social Studies**

### **Writing Assignment #1 (Source Analysis) Instructions**

#### **What is a source analysis essay?**

For this type of essay you will be presented with three sources. The sources can be presented in a variety of ways – political cartoons, historical photographs, quotations, newspaper articles, etc. Your task is to create an essay in which you analyze each source (each source = one paragraph = paragraphs one, two, and three) and identify and explain the relationship(s) that exist among the sources (paragraph four).

#### **Essay Outline**

You must follow a specific format for this type of essay. Instructions for each paragraph are below. Each of the details **MUST** be included – meaning you cannot pick and choose which portions to include. A strong paragraph must include answers to all of the points provided and do it in the order they are provided.

#### **Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 (Sources 1, 2, and 3 respectively):**

*Source I:* Interpret and explain Source I and how it relates to globalization/nationalism/ideologies by following the outline for the paragraph below

- a) explain/ describe what you literally see in the source, or what the source is saying
  - a. make sure you indicate who would have said this (if applicable)
- b) link a social studies concept (given to you in the questions) to the source
- c) define the social studies concept
- d) give examples (case study) as to how the source is an example of that concept
- e) link the social studies concept to globalization/nationalism/ideologies

Now repeat the process for *sources II* and *III*.

#### **Paragraph 4: Identify and explain the relationship(s) that exists among the sources.**

- a) What is the common social studies concept between **all 3 sources**?
- b) Define the social studies concept.
- c) Source 1 is an example of (the social studies concept) because...
- d) Source 2 is an example of (the social studies concept) because...
- e) Source 3 is an example of (the social studies concept) because...
- f) Compare and contrast each source against the other two sources (you can also do this in steps c, d, e)
- g) Link the social studies concept back to globalization/nationalism/ideologies

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#### How to Write it

Possible sentence starters!

#### Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 (Sources 1, 2, and 3 respectively):

- a) In Source One [what do you see or paraphrase if a quotation]...
- b) The perspective of globalization/nationalism/ideologies being presented is... This is demonstrated by [prove it by referring to what you see]
- c) One can see this [prove it by referring to current events/issues and USE TERMINOLOGY discussed in class] ...

#### Paragraph 4: Identify and explain the relationship(s) that exists among the sources.

- a) Source One and Source Two are similar [be specific] because... Yet they are different because...
- b) Common aspects of Source Two and Source Three [be specific] are... Yet they differ because...
- c) Source One and Source Three demonstrate a connection because... The contrasting element present in Source One and Three is...

#### Important Steps for Essay Writing

1. Identify what each source is talking about (make short notes on the source page)
2. Identify the relationships between all of the sources
3. *Plan your response – USE the outline provided or create your own.*
4. Do not copy part of the quotation. Your job is to interpret what it is saying!
5. In your relationships paragraph, don't use a concept that you already used from the other 3 body paragraphs.
6. *Give yourself 10 minutes to proofread the assignment*
7. Double space your work BEFORE submitting IF YOU WANT COMMENTS.

#### Writing Tips

1. Do not start sentences with *but, because, and, or, also*; Use transition words instead!
2. Do not use first person -I, me, my, myself, mine
3. Know the differences between words -there, their, they're -too, to, two -are, our
4. Avoid using contractions: Can't = cannot Don't=do not Shouldn't = should not
5. Watch out for run-on sentences – Look for sentences that are more than 5 lines. -use periods!!! use comma and (....., and.....) for compound sentences
6. Explain, explain, explain. Never assume that the reader can read your mind. Be specific. Assume your reader knows nothing and it is your job to show off your knowledge and learning and TELL your reader what they need to know.
7. Use 12-point font, Arial or Times New Roman;

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8. Include a title and your name at the top: Title should be “Source Analysis Essay” by \_\_\_\_\_.

### Assignment Format

This is what the assignment will look like on the diploma – for this reason, we will format them the same way so you get accustomed to what it will look like.

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### Assignment I

Suggest Time: 45-60 minutes

Value: 20% of the total examination mark (the value it is on the diploma – the value will always be different for in-class assignments and exams)

*Examine **all** the sources on the following page(s) to assist you with your writing of Assignment I.*

*Assignment:*

*Examine each source. Write a response in paragraph form in which you:*

- **Interpret** each source, **explain** the link to globalization/nationalism/ideologies, and **discuss** the links between the principles globalization/nationalism/ideologies

AND

- **Identify** and explain one or more of the relations that exist among the sources

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#### Source Planning Pages

1. <b>Interpret</b> each source. Explain perspectives, identify concepts.			
	Source 1	Source 2	Source 3
<b>Describe/</b> what you see in the source, or what the source is saying (Use your eyes!)			
<b>Interpret</b> by linking a social studies concept to the source; define & explain how it connects to the source.			
<b>Link/Connect</b> to globalization, nationalism, or Liberalism & current events or a historical case of this situation.			

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2. <b>Identity &amp; Explain</b> the relationship(s) between these sources.	
What is the common social studies concept between all 3 sources?	Define and explain the concept
<b>Connection to the concept</b>	<b>Relationships: Commonalities/differences</b>
Source 1 connection	1&2
Source 2 connection	1&3
Source 3 connection	2&3