

## Generic DBQ Essay Outline

- I. Introduction
  - A. Historical Context
  - B. Thesis Statement (Directly answer the question)
- II. Body Paragraph 1 (Main Idea 1)
  - A. Topic Sentence
  - B. Outside Information
  - C. Evidence/Argument from Doc 4
  - D. Evidence/Argument from Doc 1
  - E. Evidence/Argument from Doc 8
  - F. Outside Information
  - G. Transition Sentence
- III. Body Paragraph 2 (Main Idea 2)
  - A. Topic Sentence
  - B. Evidence/Argument from Doc 3
  - C. Evidence/Argument from Doc 1
  - D. Outside Information
  - E. Evidence/Argument from Doc 5
  - F. Outside Information
  - G. Transition Sentence
- IV. Body Paragraph 3 (Main Idea 3)
  - A. Topic Sentence
  - B. Outside Information
  - C. Evidence/Argument from Doc 2
  - D. Outside Information
  - E. Evidence/Argument from Doc 7
  - F. Evidence/Argument from Doc 6
  - G. Transition Sentence
- V. Conclusion
  - A. Restatement of thesis (not word for word)
  - B. Summarize main ideas from Body Paragraphs
  - C. Historical Significance