

Name _____

Date: _____

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DBQ Essay Outline

Introduction Paragraph:

Grabber (statement to capture the reader's attention): _____

Background Information (explain the basics of the event including what it was, when it occurred and why it was important in history):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Thesis (one sentence in which you state your position on the topic AND list the topics for your three body paragraphs): _____

Body Paragraph 1 (in this paragraph you will outline your first argument supporting your thesis):

Topic Sentence (stating the first of your three major arguments):

Support One:

Specific Evidence 1: _____

Document Citation: _____

Analysis + Explanation: _____

Support Two:

Specific Evidence 2: _____

Document Citation: _____

Analysis + Explanation: _____

Support Three:

Specific Evidence 3: _____

Document Citation: _____

Analysis + Explanation: _____

Concluding Sentence (sums up paragraph, transitions into next paragraph): _____

Body Paragraph 2 (in this paragraph you will outline your second argument supporting your thesis):

Topic Sentence (stating the second of your three major arguments):

Support One:

Specific Evidence 1: _____

_____ Document Citation: _____

Analysis + Explanation: _____

Support Two:

Specific Evidence 2: _____

_____ Document Citation: _____

Analysis + Explanation: _____

Support Three:

Specific Evidence 3: _____

_____ Document Citation: _____

Analysis + Explanation: _____

Concluding Sentence (sums up paragraph, transitions into next paragraph): _____

Body Paragraph 3 (in this paragraph you will outline your third argument supporting your thesis):

Topic Sentence (stating the third of your three major arguments):

Support One:

Specific Evidence 1: _____

_____ Document Citation: _____

Analysis + Explanation: _____

Support Two:

Specific Evidence 2: _____

_____ Document Citation: _____

Analysis + Explanation: _____

Support Three:

Specific Evidence 3: _____

_____ Document Citation: _____

Analysis + Explanation: _____

Concluding Sentence (sums up paragraph, transitions into next paragraph): _____

Conclusion:

Restate Thesis: _____

Restate/Summarize Main Ideas of the Essay:

Argument 1: _____

Argument 2: _____

Argument 3: _____

Significance (states why the event or topic is important in history): _____
