

Directions:

Write an essay to respond to each question below. Cite relevant historical evidence in support of your generalizations and present your arguments clearly and logically.

In each of your responses you should do the following:

1. State a relevant thesis that directly addresses all parts of the question. Do not simply restate the question asked.
2. Support the thesis with specific historical examples and analysis of those examples.
3. Connect historical phenomena relevant to your argument to broader events and processes.
4. Synthesize the elements above into a persuasive essay.

Step 1: Write a strong, specific thesis for each essay. Do not simply restate the question.

Step 2: Brainstorm evidence to support your thesis. You need multiple historical examples to prove your thesis and analysis of each. Simply stating a fact does not prove your argument. You must show how and why your example is relevant and proves your argument.

Step 3: Brainstorm evidence that disproves your thesis. Write down historical examples that are contrary to your thesis. You must show how and why these examples are less relevant than those you are using as support for your thesis and therefore weaker than the argument you crafted.

Step 4: Outline your essay.

NO STORY TELLING!

YOU MUST ANALYZE!

Essay Questions:

1. Analyze the similarities and differences in the various influences and approaches toward unity in the English colonies in the period of the 17th and 18th centuries.
2. Analyze the ways the French & Indian War (1754 – 1763) altered the political, economic and ideological relations between Britain and its American colonies?