

APUSH Essays

Tackling the Long Essay

Assessing continuity and change over time

- Analyze and evaluate historical patterns of change over time
- Some historians have argued that the American Revolution was not revolutionary in nature. Support, modify, or refute this interpretation.

Comparison

- Compare related historical developments and processes across place, time, or societies
- Explain and evaluate multiple and differing perspectives on a given historical phenomenon
- Compare and contrast the ways that many Americans expressed their opposition to immigrants in the 1840s–1850s with the ways that many Americans expressed their opposition to immigrants in the 1910s–1920s.

Causation

- Compare, analyze, evaluate causes and/or effects
- Analyze the effect of the French and Indian War and its aftermath on the relationship between Great Britain and the British colonies. Confine your response to the period from 1754 to 1776.

Periodization

- Explain ways that historical events and processes can be organized within blocks of time
- Some historians have argued that the Spanish American War in 1898 marked a turning point in American foreign policy. Support, modify, or refute this contention.