

# Elements of a Proficient DBQ Essay

## INTRODUCTION

Grabber

Background (Time, place, story)

Restatement of the Question

Definition of Key Terms (if necessary)

Thesis

Roadmap

## BODY PARAGRAPHS

Baby Thesis

Evidence with Citations

Argument

## CONCLUSION

Restatement of Thesis

“Although” Statement

Main argument which trumps “although” statement

Explanation of why the question is important today