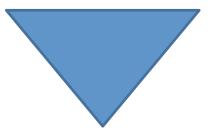
Prompt: Analyze the major changes and continuities in the African American experience as a result of the Civil War and Reconstruction in the period 1844-1910.

## Intro:

General about Topic:

More Specific ← Contextualize
Most Specific ← Contextualize

Thesis 2-3 sentences: needs to set up body paragraph categories



## Body Paragraph 1 (Category 1 from the Thesis).

Topic Sentence (TS): Tell me about cause 1 in more detail as it relates to your argument

• Concrete Detail (CD): Evidence. Use a document here. NO QUOTING-only paraphrase and cite document

Commentary (CM): So what? 
 ← Build argument/Contextualize/Analyze

• CM: Why do I care? ← Point of view, purpose, audience, evidence beyond doc

• CD: Evidence from doc.

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CD: Evidence from YOUR knowledge

Transition Sentence: Sum up your argument from cause 1 and lead me into cause 2.

Ex: While the rise of the plantation system was the most important cause for the increased use of slavery, the moral development and justifications used by the colonists further added to this increase.

## Body 2: Category 2 from thesis

Repeat above

Body 3: Category 3 from thesis

Repeat

## **Conclusion:**

- Restate Thesis:
- Specific
- Synthesis point is nice here:
  - Ex: This mirrors the structural changes brought by the Declaration of Independence, but Jefferson's ideals of liberty and equality were not yet realized for most Americans.
- General



<sup>\*\*</sup>Must use and source all documents\*\*Must discuss significance of point of view, purpose, context, and/or audience for at least FOUR documents