



Thematic Essay- Worksheet # 2

Essay Directions: Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several body paragraphs addressing the task below, and a conclusion.

Historical Context: New ideas have changed the course of history.

Task: Identify two thinkers from the Scientific Revolution and for each:

- Explain their discovery or theory in detail
- Analyze the effect their discovery would have on the world

To review:

How many paragraphs will you write <u>total</u>?	How many things do you have to explain in this essay? What are they?

The Introduction

The introduction can be divided into two parts: the opening and the thesis (main idea) statement.

Opening

Try to start you essay by giving **background information**. We can call this very beginning part of your essay the **opening**. In other words, "*who*", "*what*", "*where*", and "*when*". Imagine that the reader has no idea about the topic you plan to write about.

"Who"	"What"	"Where"	"When"

A) Write the opening of your essay by turning this information into complete sentences.

Thesis Statement (the main idea)

A thesis is the main idea and is probably the most important part of your essay. A clear thesis should give you a good understanding of what you must write in the rest of your essay. Your thesis should be about one sentence long and include both of your essay tasks. Here is a simple formula for figuring out how to write a thesis statement:

Thesis Formula:

TASK # 1 + TASK # 2 = THESIS

Write the thesis for your essay below:

The Conclusion

The conclusion can also be divided into two parts: a restatement of your thesis and a closing.

Restate your thesis

A) You should rewrite your thesis AGAIN to start your conclusion. Rewrite it below:

Closing

Try to end you essay by giving reasons why the topic you wrote about was important. Discuss things like *accomplishments, effects, or changes* that occurred. In other words, the “*importance*” of the topic you discussed. We will call this part of your conclusion the ***closing***.

B) Write the closing of your essay below:

HW # 5- DUE NEXT CLASS!

DOUBLE CREDIT HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

You have learned a lot of information about writing an essay in the last few lessons. Now, for homework, you must PUT IT ALL TOGETHER. On loose leaf paper, write out your entire essay, including the introduction, body paragraphs as well as a conclusion.

Remember, by completing this assignment, you are not only getting homework credit, but also preparing yourself for the class exam, as well as the Regents exam. You will lose half credit by handing this assignment in late and you will not be able to participate in our lesson next class. Not completing this assignment will result in a possible failing grade mid-cycle.

THEMATIC ESSAY

Introduction

A) Opening
(Background info)

B) Thesis Statement

Body #1

Answer task 1 and 2 for your first scientist

Body #2

Answer task 1 and 2 for your second scientist