



# Thematic Essay- Worksheet # 2

**This is a practice essay question. You will not know the essay question which will appear on the exam.**

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

**Historical Context:**

The ideas of the Enlightenment found their way across the seas into many of the European colonies in Latin America.

Pick **two** Latin American Revolutions and for each:

- Discuss the social classes and causes for the revolution.
- Discuss the events and background of the Revolution, identifying the leader involved, and the strategies they used in the revolt.

**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.**

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**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:**

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## 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:

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### 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:

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### **ESSAY HW- 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. Late essays will NOT be accepted this time. 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

### **Body #2**

Answer task 1 and 2

### **??? Multiple Choice Questions**

Day 2 of your exam will consist of approximately 30 multiple choice questions. These questions will come directly from your class worksheets which you receive on a daily basis as well as assigned homework. To prepare, you should thoroughly review each worksheet we covered since the mid cycle exam. This will include:

Everything on the Enlightenment  
Everything on the French Revolution  
Everything on Napoleon  
The Congress of Vienna  
Everything on Latin American Revolutions