

Steps to Tackling a DBQ Essay

- 1. Read the historical context and the task.** Make sure you understand what the essay topic is about and what you need to do to write the essay.
- 2. Answer the scaffolding questions that go along with the documents.**
 1. For each document read the questions that go along with them first.
 2. Make sure to look at the title, author, dates, etc., to identify the purpose or point of view of the document.
 3. Read the document and underline any parts of the document that may be an answer to the question.
 4. Answer the question by restating and using complete sentences.
- 3. Reread the historical context and the task.**
- 4. Plan and organize your response using the DBQ graphic organizer provided.**
- 5. Peanut Butter Jelly Time!!! Write an organized essay completing the task by using the documents and outside information.**
 1. Intro
 2. Body
 3. Conclusion
- 6. Compare your essay to the rubric provided and give yourself a grade.**