**Global Studies 10R**

**DBQ Essay: Outline/ Format**

This outline is intended to provide a format that, when followed effectively, serves as a framework for successful development of DBQ essays. Once you have established the number of body paragraphs to use (based on the task), information should be plugged in following this outline. It is a basic formula designed to incorporate the use of documents, inclusion of outside information, and analysis required to write a higher level (4-5 range) essay. You are not limited to the number of body paragraphs provided here; simply use this structure for additional paragraphs.

1. **Introduction**
2. Opening statement (most general sentence):
3. Context/ background (**more specific than opening statement**):
4. Thesis statement (states the main focus of the essay; **the most specific sentence**):
5. **Body Paragraph**
6. Topic Sentence (What is this paragraph about?):
7. Cite a document (Explain what the document is and what it states.):
8. Outside information (Include something relevant that is not stated in the document.):
9. Analysis: Ask “WHY?”/ Provide an evaluation/ Insert value judgment (supported with relevant facts & examples).
10. **Body Paragraph**
11. Topic Sentence (What is this paragraph about?):
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14. Analysis: Ask “WHY?”/ Provide an evaluation/ Insert value judgment (supported with relevant facts & examples).
15. **Body Paragraph**
16. Topic Sentence (What is this paragraph about?):
17. Cite a document (Explain what the document is and what it states.):
18. Outside information (Include something relevant that is not stated in the document.):
19. Analysis: Ask “WHY?”/ Provide an evaluation/ Insert value judgment (supported with relevant facts & examples).
20. **Conclusion**
21. Reword your thesis.
22. Make a more general statement than your thesis.
23. Closing statement.