

ENDURING ISSUES ESSAY: WRITING YOUR INTRODUCTION
REGENTS EXAM IN GLOBAL HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY II

The BAR Method:

Use the **BAR** method to write an effective introduction to your essay.

Introduction Component	General Description	How to do it in the Enduring Issues Essay
B ackground	In the first sentence, <i>introduce the topic</i> and put it in <i>historical context</i> .	<i>Define and briefly discuss</i> the Enduring Issue.
A rgument	In the next sentence, communicate to the reader <i>what you intend to prove</i> in your essay.	<i>Establish a claim</i> that states <u>why</u> the Enduring Issue is historically significant.
R oadmap	Now, chart a course for your argument by establishing three <i>categories for analysis</i> or <i>topics</i> you will discuss. Think of this as a “preview” of your body paragraphs (1-3 sentences).	<i>Introduce three topics</i> to be discussed in the essay that show <u>how</u> the issue has endured across time.

Sample Introduction:

We greatly value interconnectedness, which can be defined as the increased connection between nations, regions, and people. Although interconnectedness allows us to learn about new cultures and explore new technologies, it is also a significant enduring issue because it has had long-lasting negative impacts on people all over the world. This can be illustrated in the examples of the 11th century Crusades between Muslims and Christians, the spread of the Black Death in the 14th century, and the Atlantic trade of the 15th century.

Q1: Label the *background* component.

Q2: Label the *argument* component.

Q3: Label the *roadmap* component.

Q4: After reading the introduction, what do you expect the writer to discuss in:

a) the first body paragraph? _____

b) the second body paragraph? _____

c) the third body paragraph? _____