

AP WORLD DBQ ESSAY:
THESIS WORKSHOP

Thesis-Writing Tips.

- 1) Your entire introductory paragraph should be no longer than three sentences.
 - a. Your first sentence should generally introduce the topic.
 - b. The next sentence (or sentences) should include your thesis (what you will prove).
- 2) Remember: your thesis should be *specific enough* to show a knowledge of the topic but *general enough* that they can be supported with further factual information.
- 3) Setting up categories is an effective thesis-writing tool that will help you structure your essay. Start by looking at all of the information you know about the topic. Do any obvious “groupings” appear?

Write your paragraph here:

LEAVE THIS SECTION EMPTY FOR CLASS

Name of Evaluator _____

1. Is the thesis clear and concise, or is it “rambling”?

2. Does the thesis include both a similarity and a difference? Does it address the entire task?

3. Are the similarity and difference *specific* enough (do they hint at a deeper understanding of the topic), or are they too vague?

4. Are the similarity and difference *general* enough that they can be supported with other facts, or are they overly specific (and would fit better in the body of the essay)?