

# How to write DBQ

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## Understand the Prompt

1. Note dates
2. Note Category (Society, Political, Religion)
3. Historical Thinking skill (Causation,)

## Understand the Docs

7 Docs / 15 min

1. Citation
2. Summarize
3. Bucket

## Writing

### Thesis

[Restate important parts of the prompt], because A and B. 1. Thesis  
NEEDS Position 2. line of Reasoning 1. How ur gonna prove ur  
argument

### Contextualization

- 2 - 4 content rich sentences describing historical events
- related to topic
- (50 - 100 years before time period)

### Evidence

- Topic Sentence: "Category was the cause of blah blah"
- Support thesis with docs
  1. Summarize docs
  2. Next sentence: "This demonstrates..." how it proves thesis

- Outside evidence - needs to come from same time period
  1. Name
  2. Explain
  3. Connect

### **Source Analysis**

1. Historical Context - what is going on
2. Intended Audience - Why is it important for us to know to whom it was written: Personal Letter vs Speech
3. Purpose - What it intended to do
4. POV - why does the author say it in the way they say it

### **Complexity**

1. Use all 7 documents to support thesis
2. Source Analysis for 4 docs instead of 2