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## 1 | Unit 2 Essay

### 1.1 | General Information

Due Date	Topic	Important Documents
Nov 9th, a Monday	French rev politiking	Henry the Kissinger, Mason, Roberts

### 1.2 | Prompt

In the end, did the European balance of power succeed in its goal to, as Kissinger puts it, limit conflict and produce the “best possible outcome” from flawed human nature? Or did it magnify conflict and increase the likelihood of global war?

## Quotable Quotes \* “If the circumstances were reversed, we could equally be pro-German and anti-French.” \* “William was perfectly willing to negotiate with Louis XIV when he felt the balance of power could best be served by doing so.” \* “Agreeing on the importance of the balance of power did not, however, still British disputes about the best strategy to implement the policy.” => “The Whigs argued that GB should engage only when balance threatened, and only long enough to remove threat; Tories argued that GB’s duty was to *shape* the balance of power.” \* CLAIM: “Of course, in the end a balance of power always co es about de facto when several states interact.” \* “Power is too difficult to assess, and the willingness to vindicate it too various, to permit treating it as a reliable guide to international order. Equilibrium works best if it is buttressed by an agreement on common values. The balance of power inhibits the capacity to overthrow the inter- national order” \* “Every king consoled himself with the thought that strengthening his own rule was the greatest possible contribution to the general peace, and left it to the ubiquitous invisible hand to justify his exertions - without limiting his ambitions.” \* “But Louis XN gained no peace. of mind from security; he saw in it an opportunity for conquest. In his overzealous pursuit of raison d’etat, LouisXN alarmed the rest of Europe and brought together an anti-French coalition which, in the end, thwarted his design.” \* “Thereby, France lost the advantage of having adversaries constrained by moral considerations ... Once all states played by the same rules, gains became much more difficult to achieve”

### 1.3 | Claim Synthesis (Babingtonization)

#### 1.3.1 | Development phase – How and So-What

- CLAIM
  - How THING THAT ATTACKS INTERGRITY OF CLAIM
    - EVIDENCE and SPECIFICITY
  - So what (local), THING THAT ATTACKS THE RELEVANCE OF CLAIM TOWARDS THE BROADER PICTURE
- CLAIM
  - Repeat...

#### 1.3.2 | Testing phase – Why and So-What

- CLAIM

- Why DOES THE CLAIM ANSWER THE PROMPT?
- So what (global), THING THAT ATTACKS THE BROADER IMPACT OF THE CLAIM
- CLAIM
  - Repeat...

## 1.4 | Defluffifying

CHOSEN THESIS CLAIM

- Point a
- Point b
- Point c

So what? SO WHAT

Now, defluffify by re-writing the three points + so what in as little words as possible.

**RESTATED CLAIM**

## 1.5 | Outline

- Claim 1: *claim*
  - How
    - HOW IS CLAIM TRUE?
    - Evidence -> HOW IS YOUR REASONING TRUE?
  - So What
    - WHY DO I CARE?
- Claim 2: *claim*
  - How
    - HOW IS CLAIM TRUE?
    - Evidence -> HOW IS YOUR REASONING TRUE?
  - So What
    - WHY DO I CARE?
- Claim 3: *claim*
  - How
    - HOW IS CLAIM TRUE?
    - Evidence -> HOW IS YOUR REASONING TRUE?
  - So What
    - WHY DO I CARE?

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