

Group 2

Choose ONE question from this group. The suggested writing time for this question is 30 minutes. You are advised to spend 5 minutes planning your answer in the area below.

Question 5

Machiavelli suggested that a ruler should behave both "like a lion" and "like a fox." Analyze the policies of TWO of the following European rulers, indicating the degree to which they successfully followed Machiavelli's suggestion.

Choose two:

- Elizabeth I of England
- Henry IV of France
- Catherine the Great of Russia
- Frederick II of Prussia

Question 6

Discuss the relationship between politics and religion by examining the wars of religion. Choose TWO specific examples from the following:

- Dutch Revolt
- French Wars of Religion
- English Civil War
- Thirty Years' War

Question 7

Compare and contrast the degree of success of treaties negotiated in Vienna (1814-1815) and Versailles (1919) in achieving European stability.

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9 - 8 - 7 - 6: STRONGER ESSAYS

These essays will demonstrate the following qualities with varying degrees of effectiveness:

1. Has a clear, well-developed thesis.
2. Is well-organized.
3. Addresses the terms of the question.
4. Supports the thesis with specific evidence.
5. May contain minor errors; even a "9" need not be flawless.

Indicators

1. Discusses and analyzes both Vienna and Versailles, although perhaps not evenly.
2. Covers diplomatic developments fully, although not necessarily evenly.
3. Stronger essays (8-9) include internal developments (perhaps implicitly).
4. Is factually well-grounded (may contain minor factual errors).
5. May organize essay by treaty or by topic.
6. Comparison and contrast may be implicit.

5 - 4: MIXED ESSAYS

1. Contains a thesis, perhaps superficial or simplistic
2. Uneven response to the question's terms: Task(s), content, chronology, etc.
3. May contain errors, factual and/or interpretive.

Indicators

1. May emphasize one treaty over the other.
2. May focus exclusively on diplomacy (not even implicit internal development).
3. Contains analysis, albeit superficial.
4. Has vague factual grounding.

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Question 7 (cont.)

3 - 2 - 1 - 0: WEAKER ESSAYS

These essays will demonstrate the following qualities to varying degrees. Essays scored "0" or "1" may attempt to address the question, but fail to do so:

1. Thesis is confused, or absent, or simply restates the question.
2. Misconstrues the question, or omits major tasks.
3. May contain major errors.

Indicators

1. May discuss only one treaty.
2. Contains minimal or no analysis.
3. Has egregious factual errors.
4. Fails to address question.