

2016 AP® EUROPEAN HISTORY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Answer all parts of the question that follows.

3. Many historians contend that the development of railroads in the early 1800s was a significant turning point in European history.
 - a) Identify TWO specific pieces of evidence that support the contention, and explain how each piece supports the contention.
 - b) Identify ONE specific piece of evidence that undermines the contention, and explain how it undermines the contention.

2016 AP® EUROPEAN HISTORY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Use the table below to answer all parts of the question that follows.

PERCENT OF THE WORKFORCE PER ECONOMIC SECTOR IN FRANCE, 1800–2012

Year	Agriculture	Manufacturing (including construction)	Services
1800	64%	22%	14%
1900	43%	29%	28%
1950	32%	33%	35%
2012	3%	21%	76%

Source: adapted from Thomas Piketty, *Capital In the Twenty-first Century*, transl. Arthur Goldhammer, (Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap / Harvard University Press), 2014. Table 2.4., p. 91.

4. a) Based on the table and your knowledge of European history, identify and explain TWO broader trends that contributed to the changes in the patterns of employment in France between 1800 and 2012.
- b) Based on the table and your knowledge of European history, identify and explain ONE effect of the transformations reflected in the table on economic and social life in Western Europe.

END OF SECTION I

AP® EUROPEAN HISTORY 2016 SCORING GUIDELINES

Short Answer Question 3

Many historians contend that the development of the railroad in the early 1800s was a significant turning point in European history.

- a) Identify TWO specific pieces of evidence that support the contention, and explain how each piece supports the contention.
- b) Identify ONE specific piece of evidence that undermines the contention, and explain how it undermines the contention.

0–3 points

Score 3

Response accomplishes **all three** tasks set by the question.

Score 2

Response accomplishes **two** of the tasks set by the question.

Score 1

Response accomplishes **one** of the tasks set by the question.

Score 0

Response accomplishes **none** of the tasks set by the question.

Score —

Is completely blank

Scoring Guide

0–3 points

- ONE point for identifying and explaining a piece of evidence that supports the contention that the development of railroads in the early 1800s was a significant turning point in European History
- ONE point for identifying and explaining a DIFFERENT piece of evidence from the one given above that supports the contention that the development of railroads in the early 1800s was a significant turning point in European History
- ONE point for identifying and explaining a piece of evidence that undermines the contention that the development of railroads in the early 1800s was a significant turning point in European History

AP® EUROPEAN HISTORY 2016 SCORING GUIDELINES

Short Answer Question 3 (continued)

Scoring Notes

Examples of responses to Part A that would earn credit:

- The contention that the development of railroads in the early 1800s was a significant turning point in European history can be supported by railroads allowing for faster transportation of goods and raw materials that were necessary for production.
- The contention can be supported by railroads helping to improve diets by providing improved access to perishable food.
- The contention can be supported by the use of railroads for passenger transportation, initially for the middle class and, later, for the working class.
- The contention can be supported by railroads promoting economic expansion and growth by moving raw materials and finished goods more quickly and over greater distances.
- The contention can be supported by states' use of railroads for military mobilization and the rapid movement of armies.
- The contention can be supported by railroads promoting colonial expansion and imperialism by allowing imperial European powers to move resources more quickly and efficiently.
- The contention can be supported by railroads facilitating the rapid spread of information.
- The contention can be supported by railroads promoting a common national identity by making it easier to move throughout the entire country.
- The contention can be supported by railroads providing an opportunity for cultural interaction and increased access to leisure activities.

Examples of responses to Part B that would earn credit:

- The contention that the development of railroads in the early 1800s was a significant turning point in European history can be undermined by the fact that railroads in the early 1800s were not widespread throughout Eastern Europe.
- The contention can be undermined by the fact that there were alternative forms of transportation for both goods and people, notably canals and steamships.
- The contention can be undermined because passenger rail travel was limited to the middle and upper classes until late in the 19th century.
- The contention can be undermined by a discussion of alternative economic and technological turning points more significant in the early 1800s than railroads, such as the Industrial Revolution or the steam engine.