

Social Studies Written Analysis Template

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“To What extent should we embrace the perspective(s) reflected in the source?”

Analysis of Source:

- **Critically analyzes the source.**
- **Demonstrates an understanding of the source and its relationship to an ideological perspective. (Globalization, Nationalism, Liberalism).**

Helpful Hints:

Why the source is significant from a historical or contemporary point of view?

What is the source referring to?

How does the author feel about the subject? How do you know?

Why might the author feel this way? (Historical, Economic, Political, Social motives)

Establish alternative perspectives.

What links can be made between the statement and globalization/nationalism/liberalism? (Connections to course curriculum must be present).

What perspective does the author take on globalization/nationalism/liberalism?

To what extent should we embrace the ideological perspectives embraced in the source?

Thesis Statement and introduce your three arguments.

Arguments:

- **Develop three arguments based on logic and reason. (Political, Social, Economic).**
- **Support your position with arguments based on your knowledge and understanding of social studies.**

Helpful Hints:

Establish links between your arguments and author's perspective.

Arguments must be consistent with the position taken. (To what extent should we embrace...?).

Arguments must show insight into the topic.

Arguments must be confident and perceptive.

Evidence:

- **Evidence must be relevant and accurate.**
- **Reflects depth and/or breadth.**

Helpful Hints:

Evidence must be factual, relevant, and accurate. (Examples: detailed case study, quotes, statistics).

Evidence may include theoretical, historical, contemporary, and/or current events.

Should have no less than two pieces of evidence (three is best).

Communication:

- **Fluency and organization.**
- **Syntax, mechanics, and grammar.**
- **Use of terminology and social studies grammar.**

Essay Writing Tips:

Ensure arguments refer back to your thesis.

Ensure evidence supports arguments.

Refer back to the source during your throughout the essay.