Position Paper Outline for Assignment II on Written Diploma Exam

Analyze the following source then complete the questions below to develop an outline for your position paper.

**Source**

*Will be a quote or statement from one to two sentences that reflect a particular ideological perspective.*

**Assignment**

***To what extent should we embrace the ideological perspective (s) reflected in the source?***

*Write an essay in which you must:*

**Analyze** the Source to **demonstrate** an understanding of the ideological perspective (s) reflected in the source.

**Establish** and **argue** a position in response to the question presented.

**Support** your position and arguments **by using evidence** from your knowledge and understanding of social studies.

**Helpful Reminders:**

**Organize** your essay in a manner that will best allow you to argue your position. Here is one suggestion:

* + **Source Analysis**
  + **Take a Position** *(I agree, partially agree, completely disagree…)*
    - **Provide an overall reason for your position** *“…because…”*
  + Provide **at least two (three is preferable)** reasons with examples for your position. Use the SEE principle:
    - * + **STATEMENT** of argument/reason
        + **EXPLAIN** your reason/argument.
        + **EXAMPLE** or evidence from the course (historical, contemporary (news) or theoretical fact or event that supports the statement/reason for your position.

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| Paragraph 1 – Source Analysis/Introduction   * **What** is it saying? Interpret and explain the source in your own words. * What is the issue being discussed? * **How** does the source connect to an ideological perspective? * *Is it a liberal principle? modern liberal? classical liberal? neo-conservative? Socialism? Communism? Fascism?*   *How do you know? Is it rejecting liberalism? Is it a challenge of liberal democracies or economies? Societies in general?*   * + **Why** would they hold this particular ideological perspective?   + What would or could make the speaker feel this way about the issue or liberal principles?   + Use examples from the quote to prove your point. |

**Paragraph 2: Statement of Position (Thesis)**

* Discuss **who might agree** with the source and why in a general statement.
* Discuss **who wouldn’t agree** and why in a general statement.
* Discuss **who would partially agree** with the source and why in a general statement.
* Then, **state whether you agree** with the author of the source or not.
  + Once your position is stated you must state three arguments for why your position is correct (note: arguments stated from weakest to strongest)
  + You may agree with parts of the source (like the first sentence, but not the second half of the statement. Clearly explain this and why.

*Remember, the question you must answer in this paragraph is* ***“To what extent should we embrace the ideological perspective in the source?”***

**Body Paragraph #1** SEE structure

* **Statement:** Begin with an argument or reason for your position on the source.
* **Explain:** Fully explain the reason/argument.
* **Examples:** Provide evidence (from class) to prove your argument is valid or defendable. For example, include a historical event, theory, contemporary event in the news that supports your argument.
* At the end of the paragraph, you must relate the argument/examples back to the source. *For example “As the Great Depression clearly shows, government intervention is required to stabilize the hardships of unfettered capitalism.”*

**Body Paragraph #2** SEE structure

* **Statement:** Provide another argument or reason for your position on the source.
* **Explain:** Fully explain the reason/argument.
* **Examples:** Provide evidence (from class) to prove your argument is valid or defendable. For example, include a historical event, theory, contemporary event in the news that supports your argument.
* At the end of the paragraph, you must again relate the argument/examples back to the source. *For example “As my example reveals, classical liberalism does not provide true economic freedom for all.”*

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| **Body Paragraph #3** SEE structure   * **Statement:** Provide one last argument or reason for your position on the source. * **Explain:** Fully explain the reason/argument. * **Examples:** Provide evidence (from class) to prove your argument is valid or defendable. For example, include a historical event, theory, contemporary event in the news that supports your argument. * At the end of the paragraph, you must relate the argument/examples back to the source. *For example, “The impact of the Industrial Revolution reveals that the speaker in the source is wrong; classical liberalism doesn’t provide a better life for all citizens.”*   **Conclusion**   * Restate your position in relation to the source. * Summarize each body paragraph with a sentence. This usually includes referring to the examples you provided and how they provide evidence that your argument is superior.   Promote the strengths of your argument here.   * Draw conclusion(s) about the issue stated in the source. * Don’t introduce new examples or arguments here. |