

Outline to writing a Position Paper

Part 1: Introduction and Source Analysis (1 paragraph)

- Explain all the key terms and concepts contained in the source.
- Identify perspectives on nationalism or globalization reflected in the source and provide historical or contemporary context for the perspective being presented by referencing individuals or events that share the same perspective.
- Thesis – state your position of whether or not the perspective in the source should be embraced.

Part 2: Body of Argument (minimum of 3 paragraphs)

- Clearly state and explain your position/argument
- Support your argument by providing specific evidence such as case studies, examples, etc. Be sure to present evidence that is difficult to counter.
Example: *The perspective in this source should be embraced to a great extent because...*
- Counter argue by acknowledging the other side of the issue/argument and support with specific evidence or examples.
- Explain why the opposing argument is flawed. Example: *The perspective in the source should not be embraced because....*

Part 3: Closing Paragraph (1 paragraph)

- Re-state your position (thesis) and re-phrase your response to the question.
- Briefly review and summarize your arguments
- Conclude with a strong statement that summarizes your points and reinstates your thesis.

Evaluation

Three scoring categories are used to mark the content

1) Analysis of Sources

2) Quality of Arguments

3) Quality of Evidence