**Social Studies Assignment II Writing Guide**

The Assignment (will always be something like)

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| What do each of the three sources presented communicate about … (the topic)  **AND**  Considering the sources presented what do you think…. (about the topic) |

You will need to do the following to answer this question:

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| Image result for stop sign | * **Interpret** each source to **identify** what is says about the topic of the question * **Explain** and **defend** your position on the topic of the question * Support your interpretations and position by referring to the sources and to your understanding of social studies |

Step 1: Highlight the question

* In these type of questions you see the three sources first, **skip** past the sources and **highlight** the question

Step 2: Source One

* Describe what is going on in source
* Explain what the source says about the topic- consider whether it is positive or negative
* If it is a historical source be sure to provide details about that time in history

\*remember that political cartoons are often critical of an issue

This information will become your **first paragraph** in your response:

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| Begin your response by defining the key term in the question:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This topic is addressed in source one. Source one is ………… (describe what source one is). The source relates to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because ………….. Specifically, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Step 3: Source Two

* Describe what is going on in source
* Explain what the source says about the topic- consider whether it is positive or negative
* If it is a historical source be sure to provide details about that time in history

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**Paragraph two**

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| On the other hand, source two is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This source relates to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. For example, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Step 4: Source Three

* Describe what is going on in source
* Explain what the source says about the topic- consider whether it is positive or negative
* If it is a historical source be sure to provide details about that time in history

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**Paragraph three**

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| Finally, source three is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It relates to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In particular, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Step 5: Identify and Defend a Position

* Clearly take a position on the question
* Defend your position using social studies case studies
* Think about what you have learned in the unit or course that will provide proof as to why you hold your particular position
* You should write two paragraphs on your position

**Paragraph four**

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| After considering the various sources, I believe that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (your position on the topic). One reason I hold this opinion is because……..   * Defend your position with a specific example from social studies |

**Paragraph five**

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| Another reason that I believe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (your position on the topic) is because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   * Defend your position with a specific example from social studies |

**Paragraph Six- the conclusion**

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| * In conclusion, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (restate your position) * I feel this way because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (restate your two main arguments) * Provide a prediction for the future |