**Outline to writing a Position Paper**

**Part 1: Introduction and Source Analysis**

* Identify perspectives on affirmative action within the *Legacies of Slavery* source.
* Identify any historical or contemporary context for the perspective being presented
* **Thesis** – state your position to the following:
* *To what extent is Affirmative Action (preferential treatment) a good solution to the problems associated with historical racial discrimination?*

**Part 2: Body of Argument**

* Clearly state and explain your position/argument
* Support your argument by providing evidence such as case studies, examples, etc.
* Counter argue by acknowledging the other side of the issue and support with specific evidence or examples.

**Part 3: Closing 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

**Evaluation**

Three scoring categories are used to mark the content

1) Analysis of Sources (12 marks)

2) Quality of Arguments (14 marks)

3) Quality of Evidence (14 marks)

***Total  /40***