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## Reading and Writing Standards

Marking Period	Reading Standards	Writing Standards
1	Greek Forms of Government	Argumentative Debate Script / Essay
2	Compare/Contrast Hinduism and Buddhism Primary Source	Roman Catholic Church in the Middle Ages
3	Compare / Contrast The Declaration of Independence and The Declaration of the Rights of Man	Enlightenment Mini-Book Project
4	Opium War Primary Source Analysis	14 Points and Treaty of Versailles

## Scoring Guide for Written Work

Criteria	Limited	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
<b>Demonstrate Understanding of the Content</b>	Demonstrates a limited understanding of the topic, providing incomplete or inaccurate information with significant gaps.	Demonstrates a partial understanding of the topic, providing some accurate and concise information but may lack depth or completeness.	Shows a solid understanding of the topic, providing accurate and concise information, addressing all key aspects of the prompt.	Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the topic, providing comprehensive, accurate, and concise information.  Complete: Addresses all aspects of the assigned topic or prompt  Accurate: Provides accurate and relevant information supported by evidence or examples  Concise: Presents ideas and information in a clear and concise manner without unnecessary repetition or digressions



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<b>Structure and Formatting</b>	Lacks an engaging hook, inconsistent or insufficient use of citations, minimal use of CER (Claim, Evidence, Reasoning) structure, and unclear or weak topic sentences.	Attempts to engage the reader with a hook, includes citations, attempts to use CER (Claim, Evidence, Reasoning) structure, and provides topic sentences, but with some inconsistencies or lack of clarity.	Begins with an engaging hook, includes proper citations, effectively utilizes CER (Claim, Evidence, Reasoning) structure, and presents clear topic sentences.	Engages the reader with a captivating hook, includes proper citations, effectively utilizes CER (Claim, Evidence, Reasoning) structure, and presents clear and well-developed topic sentences.  Hook: Engages the reader with a compelling opening that grabs attention  Citation: Includes appropriate citations and references to give credit to sources used  CER (Claim, Evidence, Reasoning): Constructs well-developed claims supported by relevant evidence and logical reasoning  Topic Sentences: Clearly and effectively introduces the main ideas of paragraphs
<b>Critical Thinking / Original Point of View</b>	Shows limited evidence of critical thinking skills, with arguments or perspectives lacking coherence or supporting evidence.	Shows some evidence of critical thinking skills, but arguments or perspectives may be limited in depth or clarity.	Displays sound critical thinking skills, offering well-reasoned arguments and perspectives supported by relevant evidence.	Exhibits exceptional critical thinking skills, offering unique and insightful perspectives supported by strong reasoning and evidence.  Demonstrates critical thinking skills by analyzing and evaluating information or arguments  Presents a unique and original perspective or interpretation of the topic  Supports arguments or ideas with thoughtful reasoning and evidence



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<b>Research / Reference</b>	Relies on minimal sources, lacks integration of research findings, and shows inconsistent or inadequate citation and referencing.	Incorporates some sources, but may not fully integrate research findings or include proper citation and referencing consistently.	Incorporates appropriate sources, integrates research findings to support the content, and follows proper citation and referencing conventions with minor errors.	<p>Research / Reference: Utilizes a wide range of relevant and credible sources, effectively integrating research findings into the writing, and consistently follows proper citation and referencing conventions.</p> <p>Utilizes relevant and credible sources to support arguments or claims</p> <p>Effectively incorporates research findings to strengthen the overall content and understanding of the topic</p> <p>Demonstrates the ability to properly cite and reference sources in the appropriate format (MLA)</p>
<b>Academic Writing</b>	Contains frequent and significant errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure that impede readability.	Contains noticeable errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, or sentence structure that occasionally hinder readability.	Demonstrates proficient spelling, grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure with occasional minor errors that do not hinder readability.	<p>Demonstrates exemplary spelling, grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure with no or minimal errors.</p> <p>Spelling: Exhibits correct spelling throughout the writing</p> <p>Grammar: Demonstrates mastery of grammar rules, including proper subject-verb agreement, verb tense consistency, and pronoun usage</p> <p>Punctuation: Applies appropriate punctuation marks, such as commas, periods, and quotation marks, correctly</p> <p>Sentence Structure: Constructs clear and varied sentence structures, including complex and compound sentences</p>



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<b>Subject Specific Requirement</b>	Demonstrates minimal understanding or application of subject-specific requirements, with little or no effectiveness in enhancing the writing.	Attempts to incorporate subject-specific requirements, but the execution may lack clarity or effectiveness.	Incorporates subject-specific requirements effectively, demonstrating a good understanding and application of the assigned requirement.	Skillfully incorporates subject-specific requirements, showcasing creativity, foreshadowing, or point of view to enhance the overall quality of the writing.  Incorporates subject-specific requirements (e.g., creativity, foreshadowing, point of view) as specified in the assignment  Applies the specific requirement effectively to enhance the overall quality and depth of the writing
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## Content Topics and Pacing

Topic	Duration	Guiding Questions	Reading/Writing Assignments
<b>Democracy vs Dictatorship</b>	<b>8 Weeks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the concepts of democracy and dictatorship               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What are the key characteristics and principles of democracy?</li> <li>○ How does dictatorship differ from democracy in terms of governance and power?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Analyze the historical development and evolution of democratic systems               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How has democracy evolved over time in different societies and regions?</li> <li>○ What were the major events or movements that contributed to the establishment of democratic systems?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Analyze the impact of democracy and dictatorship on societies               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How does the presence or absence of democracy affect the social, political, and economic dynamics of a society?</li> <li>○ What are the advantages and disadvantages of democratic and dictatorial rule for the well-being of a society?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Evaluate the consequences and legacies of democratic and dictatorial rule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Argumentative Debate Script / Essay</li> <li>• Greek Forms of Government</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What are the long-term effects and outcomes of democratic governance on a nation's stability, rights, and freedoms?</li><li>○ What are the lasting impacts of dictatorial rule on a society's political culture and institutions?</li><li>● Reflect on the importance of democratic values and active citizenship<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Why are democratic values such as participation, equality, and individual rights essential for a functioning society?</li><li>○ How can active citizenship contribute to the development and preservation of democratic systems?</li></ul></li><li>● Subtopics: Definitions and characteristics of democracy and dictatorship, Democratic principles (e.g., popular sovereignty, rule of law, individual rights), Autocratic rule and concentration of power in dictatorships, ancient Greece and the birth of democracy, Development of democratic institutions (e.g., Magna Carta, English Bill of Rights, U.S. Constitution), Spread of democracy during the Enlightenment and the Age of Revolutions, Rise of authoritarian leaders (e.g., Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin), Totalitarian regimes and ideologies (e.g., Fascism, Nazism, Communism), Propaganda and control of information, Cults of personality, Protection of human rights and civil liberties, Economic development and wealth distribution, Social inequality and class struggle, Political stability and participation, Responsibilities of citizens in democratic societies, Importance of civic engagement and participation, Civic education and democratic institutions, Preserving and promoting democracy in the modern world</li></ul>	
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<b>Belief Systems</b>	<b>8 Weeks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Understand the nature and significance of belief systems<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What is the role of belief systems in shaping individuals' values, identities, and worldviews?</li><li>○ How do belief systems provide meaning and purpose to individuals and communities?</li></ul></li><li>● Analyze major world religions and their beliefs<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What are the core beliefs and practices of major world religions such as Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Judaism?</li><li>○ How do these religions shape the lives of their followers and influence their behaviors and interactions?</li></ul></li><li>● Investigate indigenous and traditional belief systems<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What are the unique characteristics and beliefs of indigenous and traditional belief systems in different regions?</li><li>○ How do these belief systems contribute to the cultural heritage and identity of specific communities?</li></ul></li><li>● Examine philosophical and ethical systems<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What are the key philosophical and ethical systems such as Stoicism, Utilitarianism, Confucianism, and Existentialism?</li><li>○ How do these systems provide frameworks for understanding moral dilemmas and guiding ethical decision-making?</li></ul></li><li>● Analyze the impact of belief systems on society and culture<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ How do belief systems influence social norms, customs, and traditions within a society?</li><li>○ What role do belief systems play in shaping cultural practices, rituals, and art forms?</li></ul></li><li>● Examine the spread and interaction of belief systems<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ How have belief systems historically spread and interacted through trade, conquest, or cultural exchange?</li><li>○ What are the consequences of the encounter between different belief systems?</li></ul></li><li>● Evaluate the influence of belief systems on governance and politics<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ How do belief systems shape political ideologies, governance models, and legal systems?</li><li>○ What impact do belief systems have on issues such as human rights, social justice, and equality?</li></ul></li><li>● Reflect on the role of belief systems in contemporary society</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Hinduism and Buddhism Primary Source - Compare/Contrast</li><li>● Samurai vs. Knights: Were the Similarities Greater than the Differences</li><li>● Mongols Map Analysis</li><li>● Roman Catholic Church in the Middle Ages</li></ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How do belief systems continue to shape individuals' worldviews and influence social dynamics in today's diverse societies?</li> <li>○ What challenges and opportunities arise from the coexistence of multiple belief systems?</li> <li>● Compare and contrast belief systems in terms of their core tenets and practices             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What are the commonalities and differences between different belief systems in terms of their beliefs about the divine, morality, and the purpose of life?</li> <li>○ How do these variations impact the way followers approach spirituality and ethics?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Analyze the historical development and evolution of belief systems             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How have belief systems evolved over time, adapting to changing social, cultural, and historical contexts?</li> <li>○ What historical events or intellectual movements have influenced the development of belief systems?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Subtopics: Definition of belief systems, Role of belief systems in shaping societies and individuals, Impact of belief systems on world history, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Taoism, indigenous religions (e.g., Native American spirituality, African traditional religions), Animism, Shamanism, Ancestor worship, Nature-based spiritualities, Ancient Greek philosophy (e.g., Stoicism, Epicureanism), Confucian ethics, Utilitarianism, Existentialism, Art, Architecture, Literature, Music, Rituals, Festivals, Moral and ethical codes, Gender roles, Social structures, Humanism, Religious syncretism, Missionary activities, Interfaith dialogue, Religious pluralism, Impact of trade and exploration on the diffusion of beliefs, Theocracies, Church-state relations, Influence of religious leaders on political decision-making, Religious conflicts and wars, Freedom of religion, Secularism, Religious fundamentalism, Interfaith cooperation, Religion and social justice movements, Monotheism vs. Polytheism, Eastern vs. Western religions, Mysticism vs. Rationalism, Rituals and ceremonies, Concept of the afterlife, Historical context of the emergence of major religions, Reformations and schisms, Modern reinterpretations and adaptations</li> </ul>	
<b>Revolutions</b>	<b>8 Weeks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Understand the historical context and key characteristics of the Renaissance             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What were the social, cultural, and intellectual conditions that led to the emergence of the Renaissance?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Enlightenment Mini-Book Project</li> <li>● Compare / Contrast The Declaration of</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What were the defining characteristics and achievements of the Renaissance in areas such as art, literature, science, and philosophy?</li></ul></li><li>● Analyze the causes and consequences of the Protestant Reformation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What were the main factors and grievances that sparked the Protestant Reformation?</li><li>○ How did the Protestant Reformation impact religious practices, political power structures, and social dynamics in Europe?</li></ul></li><li>● Examine the ideas and impact of the Enlightenment<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What were the core ideas and philosophies of the Enlightenment, such as reason, individualism, and the pursuit of knowledge?</li><li>○ How did the Enlightenment influence political systems, scientific advancements, and cultural shifts during the 18th century?</li></ul></li><li>● Investigate the causes and events of the French Revolution<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What were the social, economic, and political factors that led to the outbreak of the French Revolution?</li><li>○ What were the significant events, key figures, and ideologies associated with the French Revolution?</li></ul></li><li>● Analyze the causes and consequences of the Industrial Revolution<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What were the major catalysts and factors that fueled the Industrial Revolution?</li><li>○ How did the Industrial Revolution transform economies, societies, and the lives of individuals, both positively and negatively?</li></ul></li><li>● Examine the interconnectedness of these revolutions and their impact on society<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ How were the Renaissance, Protestant Reformation, Enlightenment, French Revolution, and Industrial Revolution interconnected in terms of their ideas, causes, or consequences?</li><li>○ In what ways did these revolutions challenge traditional power structures, societal norms, and intellectual frameworks?</li></ul></li><li>● Evaluate the long-term consequences and legacies of these revolutions<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What enduring impacts did these revolutions have on politics, culture, technology, and social structures in subsequent centuries?</li><li>○ How did these revolutions shape the development of modern societies and influence future movements or ideologies?</li></ul></li><li>● Subtopics: Definition and significance of the Renaissance, Humanism, Rediscovery of classical knowledge, Artistic and intellectual achievements, Influence on European society, Criticism of the Catholic Church, Martin Luther</li></ul>	Independence and The Declaration of the Rights of Man
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		<p>and the 95 Theses, Spread of Protestantism, Religious wars, Counter-Reformation, Key philosophers (e.g., John Locke, Voltaire, Montesquieu, Rousseau), Concepts of natural rights, separation of powers, social contract, Encouragement of reason, skepticism, and scientific inquiry, Influence on political revolutions, Socioeconomic inequalities, Influence of Enlightenment ideas, Estates-General, Storming of the Bastille, Reign of Terror, Rise of Napoleon Bonaparte, Legacy of the French Revolution, Agricultural Revolution, Technological advancements, Factory system and urbanization, Social and economic impacts, Working conditions and labor movements, Industrialization in different regions, Influence of Renaissance and Reformation on Enlightenment ideas, Enlightenment ideals in the French Revolution, Social and economic changes brought by the Industrial Revolution, Democratization, Secularization, Advances in science and technology, Shifts in social structures, Nationalism and self-determination, Impact on global politics and colonization</p>	
<p><b>World Wars</b></p>	<p><b>9 Weeks</b></p>	<p>Rise of Nationalism and Imperialism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Analyze the factors contributing to the rise of imperialism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What economic, political, and technological factors contributed to the expansion of imperialistic powers?</li> <li>○ How did ideologies like racism, nationalism, and the desire for resources and markets influence the rise of imperialism?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Examine the impact of imperialism on colonized regions and indigenous peoples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How did imperialism affect the social, cultural, and economic fabric of colonized regions and indigenous societies?</li> <li>○ What were the consequences of imperialism in terms of political control, land ownership, cultural assimilation, and exploitation of resources?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Investigate the motivations and consequences of specific imperialistic endeavors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What were the motivations behind specific imperialistic endeavors, such as the Scramble for Africa or the colonization of India?</li> <li>○ How did these imperialistic endeavors impact the colonized regions, including their political systems, economy, culture, and identity?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Analyze the rise of nationalism in various regions and its consequences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What were the key factors that contributed to the rise of nationalism in different regions?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Opium War Primary Source Analysis</li> <li>● World War I Propaganda Poster Analysis</li> <li>● Major Battles of WWII</li> <li>● 14 Points and Treaty of Versailles</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ How did nationalism influence the formation of nation-states, the pursuit of independence, and the redefinition of identities?</li><li>● Subtopics: Economic exploitation, Cultural assimilation and suppression, Resistance movements, Effects on traditional social structures, Legacy of colonialism, Scramble for Africa, British Raj in India, Opium Wars in China, French Indochina, Partition of Africa, Berlin Conference, Unification of Germany and Italy, Balkan nationalism and the decline of the Ottoman Empire, Independence movements in Latin America, Rise of nationalism in Asia</li></ul> <p>WWI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Understand the causes and consequences of World War I<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What were the underlying causes and triggers of World War I?</li><li>○ What were the long-term factors, such as alliances, imperialism, and nationalism, that contributed to the outbreak of the war?</li><li>○ What were the immediate events, such as the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, that led to the start of World War I?</li><li>○ How did World War I impact the nations involved and the global order?</li><li>○ What were the social, economic, and political consequences of World War I on the participating countries?</li><li>○ How did the war reshape the balance of power and international relations on a global scale?</li><li>○ What were the major battles, strategies, and technological advancements of World War I?</li><li>○ What were the significant battles and campaigns fought during World War I, and what were their outcomes?</li><li>○ How did new weapons and military tactics, such as trench warfare and the use of chemical weapons, shape the course of the war?</li><li>○ What were the consequences of the Treaty of Versailles and the redrawing of national boundaries?</li><li>○ How did the Treaty of Versailles impact the defeated nations and contribute to future conflicts?</li><li>○ What were the territorial changes and the creation of new nations following the war, and how did they shape the geopolitical landscape?</li><li>○ How did World War I affect society, culture, and the global mindset?</li><li>○ How did the war impact the lives of soldiers and civilians, particularly in terms of physical and psychological trauma?</li></ul></li><li>● Subtopics: Alliance system, Militarism, Imperialism, Nationalism, Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, Trench warfare, Treaty of Versailles</li></ul>	
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		<p>Interwar Period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Analyze the interwar period and its impact on global politics and society<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What were the major political, economic, and social developments during the interwar period?</li><li>○ How did the Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations shape the political landscape after World War I?</li><li>○ What were the economic challenges, such as the Great Depression, and how did they impact societies during the interwar period?</li><li>○ What were the factors that led to erosion of democracy and the rise of totalitarian regimes, such as fascism, communism, and Nazism?</li><li>○ How did the weakening of democratic institutions and the rise of extremist ideologies impact societies during the interwar period?</li><li>○ What were the geopolitical changes and conflicts during the interwar period?</li><li>○ How did the redrawing of national boundaries and the dismantling of empires reshape the geopolitical landscape?</li><li>○ What were the major conflicts, such as the Spanish Civil War or the Chinese Civil War, and how did they impact global politics?</li><li>○ What were the cultural and intellectual movements during the interwar period?</li><li>○ What were the intellectual responses to the challenges of the interwar period, such as existentialism or the questioning of traditional values?</li><li>○ How did the interwar period set the stage for World War II and subsequent global events?</li><li>○ What were the unresolved issues and tensions left over from World War I that contributed to the outbreak of World War II?</li><li>○ How did the interwar period shape the geopolitical alliances, power dynamics, and ideologies that led to the Second World War?</li></ul></li><li>● Subtopics: Post-war peace treaties, League of Nations, Rise of totalitarianism (Fascism, Nazism), Economic depression, The Great Depression, Dust Bowl, Stock market crash</li></ul> <p>WWII:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Examine the causes and progression of World War II<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What were the underlying causes and immediate triggers of World War II?</li></ul></li></ul>	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ How did the aggression of totalitarian regimes, territorial disputes, and ideological conflicts contribute to the outbreak and escalation of the war?</li></ul></li><li>● Investigate the global consequences and aftermath of World War II<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ How did World War II impact different regions and nations around the world?</li><li>○ What were the social, political, economic, and cultural consequences of the war, both during and after its conclusion?</li><li>○ How did the Holocaust unfold and what were the key events and stages of its implementation?</li><li>○ How has the Holocaust shaped collective memory, remembrance, and memorialization?</li></ul></li><li>● Evaluate the lessons learned from World War I, the interwar period, and World War II<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What were the key lessons that emerged from the experiences of World War I, the interwar period, and World War II?</li><li>○ How did these lessons shape post-war efforts to establish international organizations, promote cooperation, and prevent future conflicts?</li></ul></li><li>● Subtopics: Failure of the Treaty of Versailles, Appeasement, Hitler's expansionist policies, Invasion of Poland, Blitzkrieg, Pearl Harbor, Holocaust, D-Day, Atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, United Nations, Cold War, Division of Germany, Nuremberg Trials, Marshall Plan, Creation of Israel, Peacekeeping efforts, International organizations, Human rights and genocide prevention, Importance of diplomacy, Significance of remembrance and commemoration</li></ul> <p>Cold War:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Understand the origins and ideological foundations of the Cold War<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What were the ideological differences between the United States and the Soviet Union that contributed to the onset of the Cold War?</li><li>○ How did the aftermath of World War II, including the division of Europe and the emergence of the nuclear arms race, shape the origins of the Cold War?</li></ul></li><li>● Analyze the development and dynamics of the Cold War conflict<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ How did the Cold War evolve over time, from its initial tensions to periods of détente and renewed hostility?</li><li>○ What were the key events, such as the Berlin Blockade, the Korean</li></ul></li></ul>	
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		<p>War, or the Cuban Missile Crisis, that characterized the Cold War conflict?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Examine the impact of the Cold War on global politics and alliances<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ How did the Cold War influence the formation of political and military alliances, such as NATO and the Warsaw Pact?</li><li>○ What were the geopolitical consequences of the Cold War, particularly in regions like Eastern Europe, Asia, and Latin America?</li></ul></li><li>● Investigate the social, cultural, and economic dimensions of the Cold War<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ How did the Cold War impact societies, including aspects like propaganda, censorship, and the arms race?</li><li>○ What were the economic implications of the Cold War, such as the competition for resources and technological advancements?</li></ul></li><li>● Analyze the role of key leaders and their policies during the Cold War<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What were the approaches and policies of key leaders, such as Truman, Stalin, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Gorbachev, in managing the Cold War?</li><li>○ How did their decisions and actions shape the course and outcomes of the Cold War conflict?</li></ul></li><li>● Examine the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What were the factors that led to the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War?</li><li>○ How did the events like the fall of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of Germany contribute to the end of the Cold War era?</li></ul></li><li>● Evaluate the long-term implications and legacies of the Cold War<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What were the lasting impacts of the Cold War on global politics, military strategies, and international relations?</li><li>○ How did the Cold War shape subsequent conflicts, alliances, and ideological dynamics in the post-Cold War world?</li></ul></li><li>● Subtopics: Yalta Conference, Potsdam Conference, Ideological differences between the United States and Soviet Union, Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan, Iron Curtain, Berlin Blockade and Airlift, Korean War, Cuban Missile Crisis, Space Race, Arms Race, Proxy Wars (e.g., Vietnam War, Korean War), Formation of NATO and Warsaw Pact, Non-Aligned Movement, Domino Theory, Containment policy, Spheres of influence, McCarthyism and the Red Scare, Arms race and military spending, Space exploration and technological advancements, Berlin Wall, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Khrushchev, Reagan, Gorbachev, Nixon, Brezhnev, Perestroika and Glasnost, Fall of the</li></ul>	
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