

Writing the FRQ Sentence by Sentence

Essay Outline

Introduction:

1st Sentence: - introduce your topic or restate the question in a sentence.

2nd sentence: lead toward your thesis

3rd sentence: Your thesis (may take more than one sentence)

I. Opinion

- a. Reason 1
 - i. Fact or explanation
 - ii. Explain how it leads to reason 2 (cause/effect, chronological)
- b. Reason 2
 - i. Fact or explanation
 - ii. Explain how it leads to reason 2 (cause/effect, chronological)
- c. Reason 3
 - i. Fact or explanation
 - ii. Explain how it leads to reason 2 (cause/effect, chronological)

A simple thesis will only list the three reasons while a sophisticated thesis will list the three reasons and supporting evidence as outlined above.

Body

I. 1st Body paragraph:

- a. Topic sentence of first thesis idea (IMPORTANT: go in the same order as your thesis. Your first thesis idea is your first body paragraph and so on.)
- b. 2-4 facts that support the topic sentence

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- c. Explanation that specifically shows how the facts prove your idea in your topic sentence (which is in your thesis).
- d. Repeat a and b at least 3 times or until your idea is proven
- e. Last sentence is a mini thesis for this topic only. Restate the topic and briefly list the 3 explanations (arguments) you made in this paragraph.

II. 2nd Body paragraph:

- a. Topic sentence of second thesis idea (IMPORTANT: go in the same order as your thesis. Your second thesis idea is your second body paragraph.)
- b. 2-4 facts that support the topic sentence
- c. Explanation that specifically shows how the facts prove your idea in your topic sentence (which is in your thesis).
- d. Repeat a and b at least 3 times or until your idea is proven
- e. Last sentence is a mini thesis for this topic only. Restate the topic and briefly list the 3 explanations (arguments) you made in this paragraph.

III. 3rd Body Paragraph

- a. Topic sentence of third thesis idea (IMPORTANT: go in the same order as your thesis. Your third thesis idea is your third body paragraph.)
- b. 2-4 facts that support the topic sentence
- c. Explanation that specifically shows how the facts prove your idea in your topic sentence (which is in your thesis).
- d. Repeat a and b at least 3 times or until your idea is proven
- e. Last sentence is a mini thesis for this topic only. Restate the topic and briefly list the 3 explanations (arguments) you made in this paragraph.

IV. Conclusion

- a. State your thesis as a conclusion and remind the reader of your important reasons and arguments
- b. Explain why your conclusion is important historically.