

Selecting Facts for an Essay

The student using the texts will select facts to write an essay. The essay topic will be on the theme that the student is studying. (Causes of the Civil War, Civil War and Reconstruction, the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era, and the Depression) The student will develop a thesis and concession with reasons (28 pts.) and select 6 facts for each of the four reasons. (3 pts. each or 72 pts). The facts will be judged on relevance and support value. This is the process a student should use for preparing for an essay. 100 pts. The assignment will count 20% of the grade.*

Paper 1 Practice Assignment

The student will be given a question from the appropriate theme. The student will use the source packet and any other outside quotes to select two sources to support the question and two sources that oppose the question (15 pts. each or 60 pts.). The student will copy the source and highlight the passage that agrees or opposes the question. The student will analyze why the source content supports the question (5pts. each or 20 pts.). The student will then argue why the source will be valuable to answer the question (5pts. each or 20 pts.). The assignment will count 20% of the grade.

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