



U.S. Government

Unit I Honors Essay

Name:

Section:

Score: ____/5

Directions: Read section III (Thoughts on the Present State of American Affairs) of the political pamphlet *Common Sense* by Thomas Paine and prepare a four paragraph essay on the following prompt.

Prompt: What are the major political, social, or economic factors that Paine suggests as reasoning for the separation of the American colonies from the United Kingdom? Cite specific examples from the reading.

Directions: Use the following basic structure to help you outline the basic formation of your essay

Thesis Statement:

Planning Outline:

Body Paragraph 1 Topic:

Reasoning –

Supporting Evidence -

Supporting Evidence -

Body Paragraph 2 Topic:

Reasoning –

Support Evidence -

Supporting Evidence -

Restate Thesis:

Grading Rubric

Requirements

4 paragraphs

Quotations no more than a sentence

Works cited

- No Wikipedia
- End notes
 - o Citations in text

Free of Plagiarism

Grading

Mechanics _____/2

- Mostly free of grammatical errors

Works Cited _____/2

- At least one outside source used
- Footnotes with reference in paper
- MLA Format (easybib.com)

Organization _____/2

- 4 clear paragraphs

Thesis Statement _____/3

- Clearly states what you are going to argue and how

Body Paragraphs _____/6

- Clearly make argument
- Support arguments with facts

Organization

Paragraph One (Intro)

- Brief background
- Thesis Statement

Paragraph Two (Body 1)

- Main argument one
- + Supported with Evidence and reasoning

Paragraph Three (Body 2)

- Main argument two
- + Supported with Evidence and reasoning

Paragraph Four/Five (Conclusion)

- Restate Thesis
- + Ending Remarks