

Constructed Response Question (Part II) Writing Tips

Question 1: Contextualization

You will be required to analyze a document, then provide either the historical or geographic context for the historical developments referenced in that document.

Prompt	1. Explain the historical circumstances that led to the historical development in the document. [1]	OR	1. Explain the geographic context for the historical developments shown on the map. [1]
Words and Phrases	Describe what came BEFORE the historical development in the document that LED TO it. You are describing a CAUSE of the development. Connect Cause and Effect as a result, for this reason, so, therefore, led to, because		

Question 2: Sourcing

You will be required to read a primary source, then respond to a prompt about the author's audience, purpose, point of view, or bias. See the prompts below that could appear on your Regents Exam.

Prompt	Sentence Stems
Point of View 2. Using document 2, identify ____'s point of view concerning _____. [1]	____ [author's] point of view is... ____ [author's] believes/thinks that...
Bias 2. Using document 2, explain ____'s bias concerning _____. [1]	____ [author's] bias is that that [he/she] thinks ____ because... ____ [evidence from the document] shows that ____ [author] is biased because...
Purpose 2. Using document 2, explain ____'s purpose for writing about what occurred in ____ on _____. [1]	____ [author's] purpose for writing ____ [title of document] is to... By writing ____ [title of document] ____ [author] hoped/wanted to...
Audience 2. Using document 2, explain how audience affects the way ____ [author] presents their ideas. [1]	The audience of ____ [title of document] was ____ [audience], so [author]...[description of presentation of ideas] ____ [author] ____ [description of presentation of ideas] because/since his audience was ____ [audience] and we wanted them to...

Question 3: Cause and Effect Relationship, Turning Point, Similarities and Differences

You will be required to use both documents in the CRQ set to respond to prompt about a cause and effect connection between the two documents, a turning point associated with the two documents, or a similarity or difference between the two documents.

FOR ALL QUESTION THREE PROMPTS

Make reference to **BOTH** documents either by quoting from them, referring to them using their titles, by stating "Document 1/2," or parenthetically (Document 1).

Cause and Effect

Prompt 3. Identify and explain a **cause-and-effect** relationship associated with the events, ideas, or historical developments in documents 1 and 2. Be sure to use evidence from **both** documents between the events or ideas found in these documents. [1]

Words and Phrases	Connect Cause and Effect	as a result, for this reason, so, therefore, led to
	Words and Phrases to Explain WHY	because, if...then, in order to, since, so

Turning Point

Prompt 3a. Identify a **turning point** associated with the events, ideas, or historical developments related to **both** documents 1 and 2. [1]
3b. Explain why the events, ideas, or historical developments associated with these documents are considered a turning point. Be sure to use evidence from **both** documents 1 and 2 in your response. [1]

Sentence Stem	Identify	_____ was a turning point in history associated with both documents 1 and 2. A turning point associated with both documents 1 and 2 was _____.
	Reference Documents	As mentioned/referenced/discussed/demonstrated/stated in document _ ... As evidenced by document _... In _____[document title], _____[author's name] shows that... The creation of India in 1947 (Document 2) was a turning point because...
	Explain Significance	_____ was a turning point in history because ... Since _____, it was a major turning point. The effects of _____ had a major impact on the world because_____ so , it was a turning point.

Similarities and Difference

Prompt 3a. **Identify** a **similarity** or a **difference** between the events, ideas, or historical developments presented in documents 1 and 2. [1]
3b. **Explain** a **similarity** or a **difference** in the events, ideas, or historical developments presented in these documents. Be sure to use evidence from both documents 1 and 2 in your response. [1]

Words and Phrases	To Show Similarities	To Show Differences
	are similar because...	
	both	although
	have in common	as compared to
	Likewise,	but
One similarity between ___ and ___ is...	different	on the other hand
Similarly,...	however	One difference between ___ and ___ is
		rather than
		though