Suggested Generic DBQ Structure

Thesis Paragraph
• Background/Context
• Thesis Statement
• "Road Map" (outline of later categories of document Groupings/Analysis)
• Additional Document (Optional)

Body Paragraph2 (Group of Analyzed Doc's)
• Topic Sentence (what characteristic do these doc's share, and how does that support the thesis?)
• Evidence Doc #1 (what text from doc #1 supports this paragraph's topic/thesis?) POV/Analysis of doc #1
• Evidence Doc #2 (what text from doc #2 supports this paragraph's topic/thesis?) POV/Analysis of doc #2
• Evidence Doc #3 (what text from doc #3 supports this paragraph's topic/thesis?) POV/Analysis of doc #3
• How these doc's relate/compare to each other. (The fullest understanding of any particular document emerges only when that document is viewed within the wider context of all the documents.)
• Additional Doc (be sure to relate how/why this doc would be useful in answering question)
• Conclusion

Additional Body Paragraphs as needed
• Check to make sure that all doc's are included, with discussion of Evidence and POV from each doc.

Conclusion
• Include Additional Doc (if not included previously)
• Restatement/Summarization of Thesis

Writing Tip: Avoid any sentence in your essay that begins, "Doc #___ says '…'" This is merely summarizing the document. Your teacher/reader already knows that information better than you do. Your job is to *interpret* the information in the doc's to *make an argument* or *draw a conclusion*.

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