

Cortez and Pizarro
Exploration or Exploitation?
Essay

Directions: Write an essay that follows the outline, answers the EQ by taking a clear position in a thesis and applies the habits of mind in writing.

This is a personal opinion essay, although it seeks your opinion, write it in third person, citations and quotes, nor a works cited page is required.

EQ: Based on today's view, was the conquest of the Meso-Americans and the Incas justified by superiority and unjustified because of human exploitation and slavery inflicted?

Outline:

- I. Intro
 - a. BRIEF background on Coronado Pizarro
 - b. Answer EQ in a position thesis
- II. Why it's wrong to put contemporary morals and opinions on the past
- III. What Cortez did and when
- IV. What Pizarro did and when
- V. How what they both did both explored new lands and exploited the native inhabitants
- VI. Would this happen again or have humans learned?
- VII. Conclusion
 - a. State the significance of Cortez and Pizarro in today's world
 - b. Restate the thesis

Historical Position Paper Outline

- I. Background, position, thesis
 - write a lead-in/ hook/interesting statement
 - write background on the question or the article
 - restate the EQ and answer it- this is your thesis- take a clear position in the thesis
 - II. Support your position/thesis with a historical event, act or quote
Make a sandwich of the quote that supports the other side
 - III. State the other side of the thesis with a historical event, act or quote support with a quote.
 - Make a sandwich of the quote that supports the other side
 - IV. Connect to a principle of the US Constitution, economics or historical document
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- Clearly/ obviously connect the EQ with a principle of the Constitution, historical document, or principle economics
- Make a sandwich of the quote that connects to the constitutional principle.

V. Clearly restate your position and the significance of the issue as a conclusion

- Restate your position
- State the significance of the EQ
- "A call to action"

The Position Paper Yes Test

"Yes" or "No"?

1. ____ Takes a clear position in thesis
2. ____ Thesis answers the essential question
3. ____ Thesis supported / paragraphs follow thesis
4. ____ Clearly uses "habits of mind."
5. ____ Written in third person
6. ____ States the significance of the issue
7. ____ Makes connections between the EQ and another topic
8. ____ Follows assignment outline.
9. ____ At least two quotes and or opinion incorporated in essays evidence.
10. ____ Makes a sandwich of the quotes
11. ____ Thesis restated in conclusion?
12. ____ Problem or issue addressed, analyzed, evaluated or solved?
13. ____ Incorporates and connects constitutional, historical and/or economic principles or sources.
14. ____ States another point of such as the other side of the writer's thesis.
15. ____ Works cited page.
16. ____ Is turned-in on time
17. ____ Is turned-in on-line

Grading:

Six-Traits Writing – 1 to 5 possible in each = $20 \times 4 = 80$ possible

Ideas	Organization	Fluency	Conventions	Total	X4=
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