Writing a Document Based Essay Question: Citations

<u>Background</u>: A citation is a way to let your reader know the source of the information you use when you write an academic work. The citation style you will use for our essays is known as parenthetical citation, which means you give credit for the source at the end of the sentence or sentences that use that source (in parentheses). At the end of a paper, you would have a list of the works cited, called References, with all the details about the works you used.

When you are writing a DBQ essay, you do not need a citations list, because the works you will be citing are all from the DBQ packet. You do not have to cite if you are incorporating common knowledge. However, when you are writing DBQs this year, I ask you to cite your own, specific knowledge at the end of the passages that incorporate that knowledge. This allows you, as the writer, to ensure that you have a good combination of documents and outside information. This also allows me, as the reader, to view that combination more clearly.

You cite in a paper at the end of a sentence (or sentences) <u>before</u> you change **idea** or **source**. You do <u>not</u> cite at the end each sentence, <u>wait</u> until right before you change your focus or change your source.

When you are writing your DBQ, remember that one of your goals is to demonstrate ownership of the SPECIFIC evidence from the documents and your own knowledge. You cite to show from where you gained that knowledge.

S - Satisfactory

NI - Needs

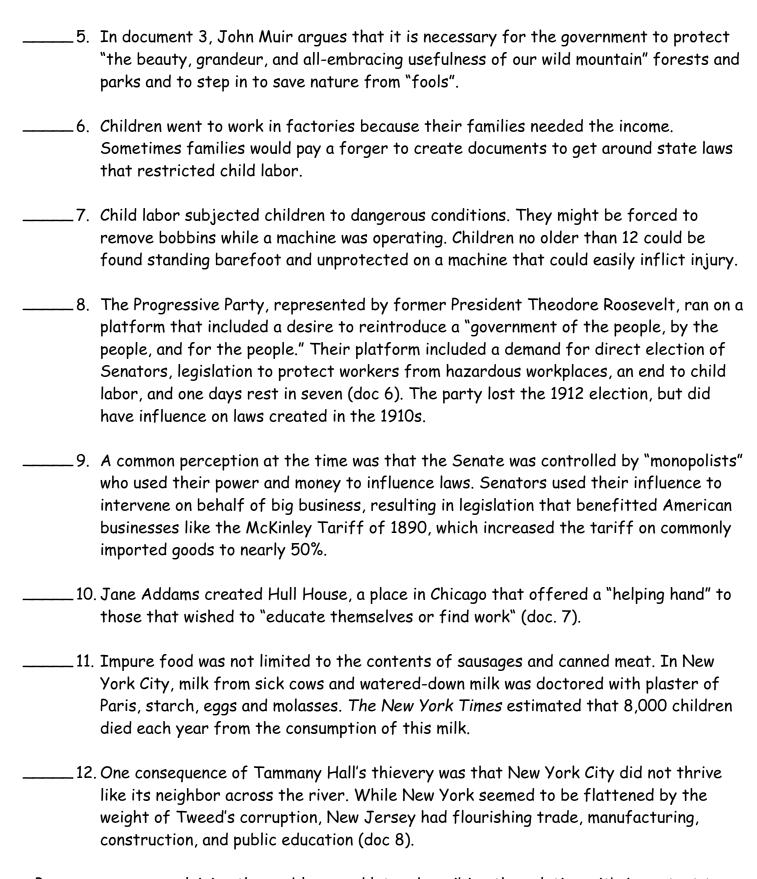
<u>Task</u>: Below are some examples of the ways a writer might use their documents and outside information. Rank the sentences with the following scale, based on their fluency with the subject AND their use of citations:

E - Excellent

G - Good

factories, and homes burned coal in urban areas (o.i.).

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 _1.	Conditions in tenements were crowded, dirty, and often unsanitary, and Jacob Riis tells us this.				
 _2.	People thought the question of pure food was vitally important to Americans.				
 _3.	The horrible conditions many factory workers were subjected to were exemplified by the fire that broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory (o.i.).				
 _4.			rred in rural and urbar edges polluted rural a	n areas. Coal burning mo reas while railroads,	ıchines



Because you are explaining the problems and later describing the solutions, it's important to avoid directly mentioning solutions in the problems paragraphs. Several of the above sentences are strong examples of how you can use the document without directly mentioning the solution. Circle the numbers of the statements that do this well.