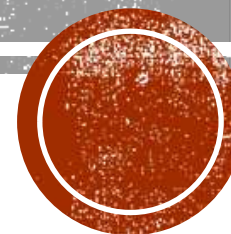


# WHAT THE FRQ?



# FREE RESPONSE QUESTIONS

- The FRQ or Free Response Question is the writing format for the APHUG exam
- It **is not** an essay
- It **is not** a list or sentence fragments
- It is a paragraph formatted style of writing that is much more direct and clean than other writing you have done in Social Studies classes.



# HOW THE FRQ DO YOU WRITE AN FRQ?

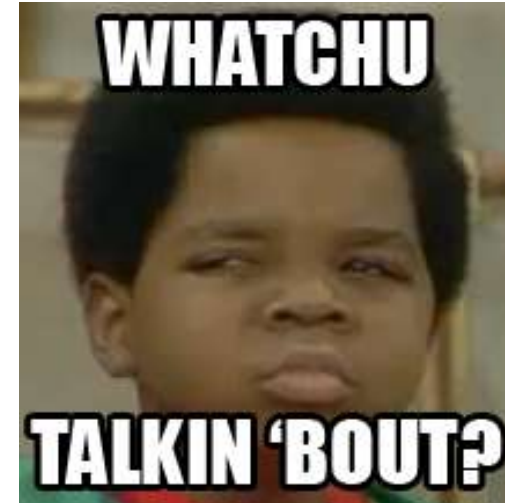
- Each FRQ is different and should be treated that way, but there are a couple mantras that will guide your answers. I will say these to you all year, literally all year...until your eyebrows melt off your face.

1. CLAIM, EXPLAIN, EXAMPLE
2. Be obvious first, brilliant second.



# CLAIM, EXPLAIN, EXAMPLE

- Claim (answer) , Explain / Define, Example (geography)



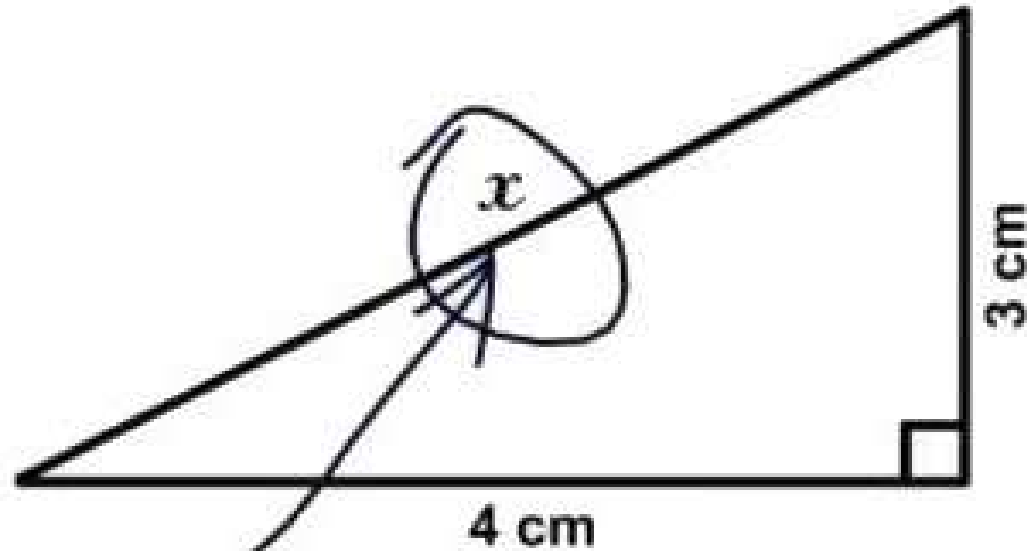
Definition of key terms – **explanation** – *geographic example*

Globalization is the process of companies taking their products to an international scale. **Companies do this by moving their production to countries that have lowest cost labor supplies and then use relatively cheap transportation costs to ship goods around the world.** *An example of this would be Nike an American company who moved its manufacturing sites to China to take advantage of low cost labor and then use the container ships and ports of the world to move their products to Europe and the United States to sell.*



**BE OBVIOUS 1<sup>ST</sup>, BRILLIANT 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**3. Find  $x$ .**



*Here it is*



# SUCCESS WITH FRQS COMES WITH PRACTICE

## PRACTICE...

- ...reading and interpreting **MAPS** (4LA), charts, graphs, data, and photos
- ...developing **SPATIAL** perspective in the world around us
- ...interpreting and **APPLYING** geographic **MODELS**
- ...using the specific geographic **VOCABULARY**
- ...**MAKING CONNECTIONS** between geographic themes and real world situations
- ...counting the points



# STARTING THE FRQ

- Read the prompt
- Read the prompt
- Read the prompt



- Count the points
- What does EACH PART the question ask you to do?
- Self-score



# HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR SCORE

- Think before you begin
- Label and answer in the format of the question (A, B, C, etc..)
- Write in paragraph form
- NO intro, thesis, or conclusions
- YES geographic principles and examples
- Consider all the content from across the course, make connections where it will strengthen your answer
- USE THE RIGHT VOCAB!!!
- Write legibly





# VERBS

- Identify
- Define
- Describe
- Explain
- Explain

# DECODED

- Discuss
- Compare
- Contrast
- Analyze
- Assess/Evaluate

(CHECK OUT THE INFOGRAPHIC ON SMIGA'S PAGE  
AND THE SEPARATE HANDOUT)



# COMMON MISTAKES.....



- Failing to read and understand the WHOLE prompt before writing
- Not labeling answer parts
- Skipping lines
- Writing with anything but blue or black pen
- Answers containing lists, bullets, and/or outlines
- Erasing / Scribbling / crossing out
  - When you screw up put ONE LINE through the incorrect information, this will NOT be scored
- Write legibly



# SUMMER VACATION FRQ

- A. Define the concept of fun as it relates to summer vacation.
- B. Where did you go on summer vacation and why did you go there? OR If you did not go anywhere, why did you stay in town?
- C. Discuss the most fun thing you did during summer vacation and explain why it was the most fun? Use specific examples to illustrate your understanding.
- D. Identify and explain an economic or environmental impact of your vacation.

