

## Major Written Assignment Writing Guide 10-1

### 4 paragraphs

#### Example Source:

*Globalization refers to the process of reducing barriers between countries and encouraging closer economic, political, and social interaction. Globalization could vastly increase the ability of people everywhere to improve their living standards by sharing knowledge and the fruits of human labor across those barriers. This, of course, does not happen.*

#### P1: Introduction (6-8 sentences)

- **General introductory sentence**-make a statement connected to the source-how may some feel about this source?
- **Analyze the source!!**- Identify the perspective (Pro-globalization, Anti-globalization, or a neutral perspective on globalization) and provide proof from the source to back it up. This will demonstrate that you have an understanding of the source. You should make 3-4 statements which you must back up/expand upon by using the source.

*The quote from the source would represent the perspective of someone who is opposed to globalization. People who share the perspective of anti-globalization would be opposed to the global world interacting with each other through technology, transportation, free trade and the “reducing of barriers between countries.” The purpose of this source is to demonstrate that the effects of globalization do not always model the intended benefits. Globalization does not improve the living standards of the majority of the world. This is evident by the fact that the world’s income is not equally distributed. Ninety four percent of the world’s income goes to forty percent of the world’s population while over one billion people live on less than a dollar a day. Anti-globalists are strongly opposed to the increasing interdependence among the world’s countries. I believe globalization can have positive impacts throughout the world; however it harms more people than it benefits.*

- **State your position (Thesis)** - Answer the main question of the major response:  
*To what extent should we embrace the perspective(s) presented in the source?*  
(You can agree, disagree or sit somewhere in the middle)

### Example thesis:

*I believe globalization can have positive impacts throughout the world; however it harms more people than it benefits.*

- **Provide 2 general arguments** that support the position you are taking. THESE ARE NOT YOUR CASE STUDIES!! These are reasons that support the position you have taken.

### Example argument 1:

*Often developed nations economically benefit at the expense of developing nations.*

### Example argument 2:

*Many times developed nations have imposed their values and beliefs through globalization with little regard for the negative impact it may have on developing nations.*

### P2 &3: Case Study Paragraphs

- In your case study you must: **support your position and arguments (reasons to support your position)** by selecting two case studies. These case studies must be directly related to the position you have taken with the source. Develop your case studies using concrete, supportive details that back up WHY these case studies are evidence.
- Example opening sentence for your case study paragraph:

*One example providing evidence in support of my belief that globalization is doing more harm than good would be the impact of multinational corporations on small banana farms in Ecuador. For example, the American company Chiquita is currently operating their multinational corporation within Ecuador. Although Chiquita has tried to demonstrate an economic benefit within Ecuador, farmers who have chose not to do business with this multinational corporation have been negatively impacted. Chiquita has undercut the banana market by taking advantage of economies of scale. By producing, using and buying produce in large quantities it has enabled them to undersell local farmers. Subsequently, local farmers have had to cut workers wages and discouraged unions in order to cut costs in production. In 2002, male Ecuadorean banana plantation workers earned about \$6.40 Cdn a day. These farmers are the lowest paid in Latin America. As a result of local farmer's inability to compete with Chiquita, some workers have had to explore other avenues for employment.*

***Another example demonstrating my belief that globalization is doing more harm than good would be the assimilation of the Indigenous peoples. For example, European colonists believed it was their duty to assimilate other cultures to model the European way of life. This idea of Eurocentrism had little regard for the traditional beliefs and values of various Aboriginal people. The Europeans were able to encourage assimilation through the passing of the Indian Act. This act banned Aboriginal peoples from taking part in traditional ceremonies and wearing traditional dress. In carrying out their goal of assimilation, the Indian Act made residential schools mandatory for all aboriginal children. Between 1892 and 1996, approximately one hundred and fifty thousand aboriginal children were forced to attend residential schools. These schools forced Aboriginal children to abandon their language and traditional practices and adopt a European way of life. This is evidence that a developed nation can impose their will on various groups of people without remorse.***

- \*\*\* The final sentence of the case studies should directly state how these case studies support your position. (mini summary sentence)

**P4: Conclusion** (4-6 sentences)

- Brief recap of the source and the position you have taken to the source.
- Briefly recap your case studies emphasizing how they support your position.

***In conclusion, the source demonstrates the views of an anti-globalist. I agree with this perspective in that globalization does more harm than good. The banana wars in Ecuador support the argument that developed nations benefit economically at the expense of developing nations. The passing of the Indian Act and implementation of residential schools demonstrates the negative impact developed nations have had on developing nations. These examples illustrate that globalization does more harm than good.***