

Major Written Assignment Writing Guide 30-1

6 paragraphs

P1: Introduction (length 6-8 sentences)

- General introduction. Briefly describe 2 differing perspectives connected to the issue. Example: Democratic practices compared to practices of a dictator or heavy government intervention. You must read the source in order to determine 2 opposing perspectives of the source.
- **Analyze the source!!** Identify the perspective and provide proof from the source to back it up.

P2: State your position (Thesis)

- Answer the main question of the major response: To what extent do you agree with the ideological perspective presented? (You can agree, disagree or sit somewhere in the middle)
- Provide 3 general reasons for choosing your position. THESE ARE NOT YOUR CASE STUDIES!!
- Example opener: *After careful consideration of the source, it is my firm belief that there must be a balance between government intervention and individual freedoms. I believe this because...*

P3 - 5: Argumentative Paragraphs (3 Case Studies) Length: ½ page each

- End with your strongest cs first and use your weakest as the middle cs.
- Each cs must have 3 concrete examples to prove how it supports your position.
- Example opening sentence for you case study paragraphs: *One example providing evidence in support of my belief that a balance between government intervention and individual freedoms is necessary would be...*
- *Another example supporting this position is...*
- *A final example providing evidence in support of this position is that of...*
- *** The final sentence of each case study should directly state how this case study supports your position. (mini summary sentence)

P6: Conclusion (4-6 sentences)

- Brief recap of the position you have taken with the source.
- Briefly recap your case studies emphasizing how they support your position.
- Optional- choose a quotation to transition to the end of your paper. Be sure that it is aligned with your position!!