

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 somewhat agree or somewhat disagree). The most important you must do is frame the position that you will take with regard to the source
- Provide 3 general arguments for choosing your position. THESE ARE NOT YOUR CASE STUDIES!! What logical reasons can you present for why you are taking this position in relation to the perspective presented in the source?
- Example opening sentence for P 2: ***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: 3/4 page each

- Each case study must have 3 concrete pieces of evidence to prove how it supports your position and how it relates to one or more of the arguments you presented in P 2.
- Example opening sentence for your case study paragraphs: ***One example providing evidence in support of the source perspective that reflects that a balance between government intervention and individual freedoms is necessary would be...***
- **P 4 opener- *Another example supporting my position and the source perspective is...***
- **P 5 opener- *A final example providing evidence in support of my position is that of...***
- *** The final sentence(s) 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 and arguments presented.