

# AP World History

## Writing Essays:

Steps:

1. Read the question. Underline once the command word(s). Decide if it is a comparative or change over time question.
2. Circle the topic word(s).
3. Rephrase the question in your own words to make sure you understand what is being asked.
4. If choice is provided, choose the region or topic you know the most about
5. Brainstorm facts - "she" (specific history evidence - think of items on your ID Lists).
6. Outline your Essay – see outline form:

## Introductory Paragraph - BAR

B = Background (Define including Time and Place)

A = Main Argument or your Thesis

R = Roadmap – have at least 3 – these are the sub-arguments that will support your thesis

## Sample Questions from Unit 1: 8000 B.C.E. – 600 B.C.E.

Bulliet Textbook Chapters 1 - 3

1. Compare TWO of the following types of early societies. Be sure to include their impact on the environment and gender relations.

Agricultural Societies  
Pastoralist Societies  
Foraging Societies

2. Compare the political and social structures of TWO of the following early river valley civilizations. Be sure to include the impact of geography of their developments.

Mesopotamia  
Egypt  
Indus Valley  
Shang and Zhou Dynasties

3. Compare political and economic developments of societies that arose in Mesoamerica and the Andean region of South America between 1200 – 250 B.C.E. Be sure to include the impact of geography of their developments.

4. Analyze the role of technologies in the growth of large state structures in S.W. Asia between 2000 – 500 B.C.E. Be sure to include specific examples of large state structures to support your arguments.

5. Compare political and social developments in societies that included an urban center (cities) with pastoral and nomadic societies. Be sure to include the status of women in both.