

Answers to the essay questions are to be written in the separate essay booklet.

In developing your answer to Part II, be sure to keep this general definition in mind:

discuss means “to make observations about something using facts, reasoning, and argument; to present in some detail”

PART II

THEMATIC ESSAY QUESTION

Directions: Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs addressing the task below, and a conclusion.

Theme: Conflict

Conflicts between groups of people have threatened peace in many nations and regions.

Task:

Identify **one** conflict that has threatened peace in a nation or region and

- Discuss **one** major cause of that conflict
- Identify **two** opposing groups involved in the conflict and discuss **one** viewpoint of **each** group
- Discuss the political, economic, and/or social effects of that

Your topic for this essay is the Crusades. Use the "Writing Prep: Crusades" sheet to prepare your thoughts for your essay before you begin writing. The rubric for this essay can be found on the back of this sheet. Make sure you read it over before you begin writing so you are fully aware of the expectations.

Guidelines:

In your essay, be sure to

- Develop all aspects of the task
- Support the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization, including an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme