

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 these general definitions in mind:

(a) describe means “to illustrate something in words or tell about it”

(b) 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: Change—Collapse of Government

The sudden death of a ruler, a defeat in war, or a successful revolution has often led to the collapse of a government. Political, social, and economic changes have occurred as a result of the collapse of a government.

Task:

Select *two* situations where the collapse of a government has led to significant changes in a country or region and for *each*

- Describe the historical circumstances that led to the collapse of a government
- Discuss the political, social, economic, *and/or* cultural changes that occurred as a result of the collapse of that government

You will be writing about TWO topics this essay. Those topics are the **Athenian Empire** (aka The Delian League) and the **Roman Empire**. You must address both bullet points for your first topic (Athenian Empire) and then address both bullet points again for your second topic (Roman Empire).

Be sure to refer to the rubric on the back of this sheet when preparing and writing your essay.

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