**LEQ Writing Format**

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| **1st Paragraph (shorter)*** Contextualization and Thesis
	+ Gives background information (contextualization) that would help the reader situate your argument within the broader historical event/developments of the prompt
	+ Presents an accurate argument (thesis) that answers the entire prompt w/ starter word, time, region, and a three-pronged thesis
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| **Body Paragraphs** |
| * **Comparison Prompt (CC)**
	+ Similarities Paragraph or split into two paragraphs (one for each similarity)
		- Topic Sentence
		- 3+ sentences per similarity
			* Identify similarity
			* Explain similarity for each entity (empire, religion, etc.)
			* Use evidence to support the similarity
	+ Differences Paragraph or split into two paragraphs (one for each difference)
		- Topic Sentence
		- 3+ sentences per difference
			* Identify difference
			* Explain difference for each entity (empire, religion, etc.)
			* Use evidence to support the difference
 | * **Causation Prompt**
	+ One paragraph per each Cause and/or Effect or split into two paragraphs (one for each cause and one for each effect)
		- Topic Sentence identifying cause/effect
		- Explain cause/effect focusing on WHY
		- Use evidence to support cause/effect
* **Continuities and Changes Over Time (CCOT) Prompt**
	+ Continuities Paragraph or split into two paragraphs (one for each continuity)
		- Topic Sentence
		- 3+ sentences per continuity
			* Identify continuity
			* Explain continuity focusing on WHY
			* Use evidence to support the continuity
	+ Changes Paragraph or split into two paragraphs (one for each change)
		- Topic Sentence
		- 3+ sentences per change
			* Identify change
			* Explain change focusing on WHY
			* Use evidence to support the change
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| **Last Paragraph – Wrap up your argument and restate your thesis*** You’ve got this! Now that you’re done with the essay – go back and re-read your essay. Yes, you’ll be tired, but do this anyways. Something is bound to come back to your memory when you revisit your essay. Double-check that you included all rubric components. Take the time to re-read, please.
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