



Based on your understanding of Global History and your viewing of Gandhi, choose one of the following thematic essay topics

Directions: Write a well-organized essay that includes:

1. An introduction,
2. Several paragraphs addressing the task
3. A conclusion.

THEMATIC ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Theme: Belief Systems

The world has many different belief systems. Each is distinctive, but all greatly influenced the lives of their followers and the society in which the belief system was practiced.

Task:

Choose **two** major belief systems and for **each**

- Explain key beliefs **and/or** practices
- Discuss an influence the belief system had on the society in which it was practiced

2. Theme: Nationalism

Throughout history, nationalist movements have begun in different countries and regions with the hope of achieving either unification or independence. The results of these movements have been mixed.

Task:

Select **one** country *or* region and

- Describe the historical circumstances that led the people to begin a nationalist movement
- Describe a goal of the nationalist movement
- Discuss a method used to achieve this goal
- Discuss the results of this nationalist movement on this country or region

3. Theme: Political Change

Often, governments implement policies in an attempt to change society.

Task:

Choose **one** example from global history where a government attempted to change society and

- Describe the change the government wanted to bring about
- Explain why the government wanted to make this change
- Describe **one** specific policy the government used to try to bring about this change
- Discuss the extent to which this change was achieved

4. Theme: Human Rights

Throughout history, there have been many examples where groups of people have been denied their human rights. Individuals, groups, and governments have attempted to end many of these human rights violations although they have not always been successful.

Task:

Select **one** example from history where human rights have been denied to groups of people and explain the historical circumstances that led to the denial of human rights

- Describe how the human rights of that group were denied
- Discuss an action taken by an individual that attempted to end the human rights violations

5. 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 extent to which the conflict was *or* was *not* resolved