Enduring Issues Essay Prompt

Suggested Enduring Issues Essay Outline and Checklist

➡ **Directions:** Use the outline below to help you structure your enduring issues essay and check off each component as you complete it.

Introduction

Component		Check List
DEFINE ENDURING ISSUE	☐	Identifies the enduring issue.
	☐	Describes the enduring issue.
THESIS, CLAIM	☐	States a claim that argues why the enduring issue is significant.
THESIS, EXAMPLES	☐	Identifies the examples discussed in the essay that the enduring has endured and is significant.

Body Paragraphs

Component	BP1	BP2	BP3	
TOPIC SENTENCE	☐	☐	☐	Identifies an example of the enduring issue in history.
	☐	☐	☐	Describes the historical and geographic context of the example.
CONTEXT	☐	☐	☐	• Describes where it took place.
	☐	☐	☐	• Identifies when it took place.
	☐	☐	☐	• Identifies who was involved.
	☐	☐	☐	• Describes how it happened.
	☐	☐	☐	• Explains why the historical and geographic context contributed to it.
ARGUMENT	☐	☐	☐	Describes how people were affected by the enduring issue or how people affected it in the example.
CONCLUDING SENTENCE	☐	☐	☐	Summarizes how the enduring issue affected people or was affected by people in this examples from history.
OTHER COMPONENTS	☐	☐	☐	Uses words and phrases to connect cause and effect.
	☐	☐	☐	Includes reference to at least _one_ document.
	☐	☐	☐	Includes outside information.

Conclusion

Component		Check List
RESTATE THESIS	☐	Restates thesis.
CHANGE AND CONTINUITY	☐	Explains how the issue has continued to be an issue and has changed over time with reference to the examples in the essay and additional modern-day examples.
EXPLAIN	☐	Explains why the issue is significant and has endured.
OTHER COMPONENTS	☐	Uses words and phrases to connect cause and effect.
	☐	Includes outside information.

Score based on the NYS Enduring Issues Essay Rubric and Feedback

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Comments and Next Steps. What can this author do to improve their essay?