**Sample prompt:**

1. **EXPLAIN** how the Song Dynasty emperors employed **GOVERNANCE** to exercise power.

| **SAQ****Short Answer Question****Task Verbs- Official College Board Definitions****Identify:** Indicate or provide information about a specified topic, without elaboration or explanation.**Describe:** Provide the relevant characteristics of a specified topic**Explain:** Provide information about how or why a relationship, process, pattern, position, or outcome occurs, using evidence and/or reasoning. |
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| **T**opicAnswer the prompt with a claim or example. | ***The Song Dynasty employed a bureaucracy to exercise power.*** |
| **E**vidence/Cite* Reference above definition for task verb **Describe**
 | **evidence “example”:** **bureaucracy****Description:** ***A bureaucracy employs civilians to manage the functions of government.*** |
| **A**nalyzeProvide significance for evidence, “example”.* Why did you use this specific evidence/example?
* How does evidence prove your claim?
 | **significance**: ***Civilian careers in the government were earned through successfully passing a civil service exam****.***connect to claim**: ***a bureaucracy was employed to exercise power because the directives of the emperor were carried out by an educated and talented civilian workforce****.* |
|  **Topic** **Evidence**  ***Transition Language* Significance**  **Connect**For example… Thus… This shows that… This is because...For instance… In particular… Notice how… Therefore...To illustrate… This reveals… This demonstrates...Specifically... More specifically… In other words... |

**Response to prompt**:

1. **The Song emperors employed a government bureaucracy to exercise power.** **To illustrate**, **a bureaucracy employed civilians to manage the functions of government. Civilian careers in the government were earned through successfully passing a civil service exam**. **This demonstrates** how a bureaucracy was employed to exercise power because the directives of the emperor were carried out by an educated and talented civilian workforce.