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# How to LEQ

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### Step 1: Read the Prompt

- Mark the time period that they give you by underlining it.
- Mark the historical thinking skill they want you to write.
- Mark the categories they give you to write about.



### Step 2: Get a 6 or maybe a 5

#### Thesis

- Have an argument
- Establish a line of reasoning

**Prompt:** Evaluate the relative importance of cause of population movements to colonial British America in the period from 1607 to 1754.

THESIS STEMS	THESIS EXAMPLES
Although X, because A and B, therefore Y.	Although religious freedom was perceived cause of population movement from 1607-1754, because the pilgrims enjoyed religious freedom in Holland before emigrating and because of the purely economic nature of Jamestown, people moved to colonial British America mainly for economic opportunity.
Restate important parts of the prompt, because A and B.	Population Movements in colonial British colonies occurred mainly for economic reasons, because of the pilgrims' religious freedom in Holland and the purely economic nature of Jamestown.

### Contextualization

- Write one paragraph
  - 3-4 sentences long
  - Set the stage for your argument
  - Don't go back too far in time
  - 50-100 years
1. Use specific historical evidence
  2. Demonstrate how that is relevant to your argument.

## Evidence

- When it comes to pieces of evidence, the bare minimum you have to use either in describing or arguing is two. You should aim for 2 pieces per paragraph in case you fall short.
- To describe evidence that's relevant to the prompt, you just need to name it and define it.
- Topic Sentence should steal from your thesis

<b>Best Way to Support</b>	
<b>Prompt:</b>	Evaluate the most significant cause of the French Revolution of 1789-1799 and the Revolution of 1848.
<b>Thesis:</b>	The most significant similarity between the French Revolution and the Revolution of 1848 was the call from the lower classes for liberal reforms and their ultimate failure after the installation of a conservative ruler.
<b>Topic Sentence:</b>	Both the French Revolution and the Revolution of 1848 began with calls from liberal reforms from the lower class.
<b>Evidence:</b>	Talk about the three estates in France and the marginalization of the third estate and the extravagant spending of Louis XIV which created economic chaos in France and then talk about the reforms demanded by the third estate, etc.
<b>Analyze:</b>	Demonstrate how these pieces of evidence prove the thesis. Always tie your evidence back to the thesis.

## Analysis and Reasoning

- Did you perform the historical thinking skill they asked you to perform?

### LEQ Template

CONTEXTUALIZATION
THESIS
"X caused significant social changes during y period"
"One example of social change is [vocab word]"
Define vocab word.
Show how it proves topic sentence/thesis
Repeat
2ND BODY PARAGRAPH

# How to LEQ Worksheet

**Analyzing the Prompt:** For each prompt, mark the 3 things Mr. Heimler tells you to mark.

Develop an argument that compares the motives and actions of Martin Luther in the German states and King Henry VIII in England in bringing about religious change during the Reformation in the period 1517-1685.

Develop an argument that compares how the Ming Dynasty and Europe challenged the status quo in the period 1450-1900.

Develop an argument that evaluates to what extent the Enlightenment expresses optimistic ideas in eighteenth-century Europe.

**Thesis:** Is it a thesis? Say why or why not.

<b>Example</b>	<b>Is it a thesis?</b>	<b>Reasoning</b>
Martin Luther led the Protestant Reformation and King Henry VIII made the Church of England.		
Both the Ming Dynasty and Europe challenged the status quo, while the Ming Dynasty used Neo-Confucious values, Europeans did so during the Protestant Reformation.		
The Enlightenment expresses optimistic ideas in eighteenth-century Europe by talking about political and social changes.		

**Contextualization:** Is it contextualization? Say why or why not.

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Example	Is it contextual - ization?	Reasoning
King Henry VIII was really mad about not being able to get an annulment from his wife. So he broke up with the Pope and started his own church. This is important because it is why he brought religious change to England.		
The Renaissance was a cultural movement in Europe. Great authors and artists like William Shakespeare and Leonardo Da Vinci helped define this era. It was an important time as people started to remember the classics from Ancient Greece.		
The Reformation can best be contextualized by the Printing Press. Johannes Gutenberg invented his printing press in the 1400s in Germany. His printing press allowed text to be printed in a faster and cheaper way. As the Reformation started in Germany, its supporters would have utilized the Printing Press to get their message out to more people throughout Europe.		

**Evidence:** Fill in the blanks.

**Thesis:** The Enlightenment in Europe started people thinking about societal changes for women, but more significantly it changed the ways people understood issues such as liberty, equality, and individual rights.

Paragraph 1	Paragraph 2
<p>The Enlightenment in Europe started people thinking about societal changes for women. For example, the ideas of _____ from _____ started to question the rights women had in obtaining the same education as men. This was a shift in thinking as women traditionally were kept in the private sphere of their homes. In addition _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____.</p> <p>For example, _____</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>This shows _____.</p> <p>Also _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

