**Essay Preparation Outline - Pre-Writing**

What question is your essay trying to answer?

What aspects must be considered in your essay (minor questions, guiding questions, points to consider)?

What is your answer/thesis for the essay prompt?

What proof will you use to support your answer? You may use primary source documents (must have title), historical events, terms, concepts and people.

Proof 1:

Proof 2:

Proof 3:

Proof 4:

**Introduction Paragraph:** What do you plan to discuss in your essay? Include major points you plan to discuss.

**Historical Context or Background information of the Topic:**

**Body Paragraph:** How will you prove your ideas?

Topic Sentence:

Support:

Explanation:

Transition to next paragraph or conclusion:

**Body Paragraph 2**: What other information do I have to support my thesis

Topic Sentence:

Support:

Explanation:

Transition to next paragraph:

**Body paragraph 3:** How will you prove your ideas?

Topic sentence:

Support:

Explanation:

Transition to conclusion:

**Conclusion:** Re-state your thesis statement, supporting ideas, and conclude making sure to connect all of your ideas and evidence into a final statement.