**How to Write a Good History FRQ**

A good AP Euro FRQ will have…

1. THESIS WHICH
   * Makes a historically defensible claim
   * Address all parts of the question (causation).
   * Do more than just re-state the prompt.
   * Appear in one place (in the introduction) can be in the conclusion
2. Addresses a particular **historical skill** determined by the question

* DESCRIBES historical continuity AND change over time. ANALYZES specific examples that illustrate historical continuity AND change over time.
* DESCRIBES the ways in which the historical development in the prompt was different from AND similar to developments that preceded and/or followed. ANALYZES the extent to which the historical development specified in the prompt was different from AND similar to developments that preceded and/or followed, providing specific examples to support.
* DESCRIBES causes AND/OR effects of a historical event, development, or process. EXPLAINS the reasons for the causes AND/OR effects of a historical event, development, or process.
* DESCRIBES similarities AND differences among historical individuals, events, developments, or processes. EXPLAINS the reasons for similarities AND differences among historical individuals, events, developments, or processes.

1. Provides **evidence and support for the argument**. Addresses the topic in question with specific examples of relevant evidence.

* Utilizes specific evidence to fully and effectively substantiate the thesis (or relevant argument.

1. Synthesis - Extends the argument to make a connection beyond the scope of the prompt.

* A development in a different historical period, situation, era, or geographical area. \*
* A course theme and/or approach to history that is not the focus of the essay.
* A different discipline or field of inquiry.