

Annotating the Text:

- **Step 1: # the paragraphs**
- **Step 2: Identify & CIRCLE Key Terms.**
 - **Look for:**
 - **Words/Phrases essential to unlocking the meaning of the text**
 - **Repeated words/phrases, etc.**
 - **Definitions given by the author**
 - **HIGHLIGHT words you are unfamiliar with**
- **Step 3: Identify & UNDERLINE information you think will help you answer the question:**
 - **The Maya: What Was Their Most Remarkable Achievement?**
- **Step 4: Discuss your answers w/a partner & back them up with evidence! Get feedback!**

Definitions:

- **Mesoamerica: the southern part of North America, extending from central Mexico to Honduras and Nicaragua**
- **Slash-and-burn agriculture: the practice of cutting and burning forests to prepare fields for farming**
- **Classic: relating to the period of highest development**
- **City-states: independent settlements, sometimes walled, and often including the surrounding territory**
- **Ritual: a ceremony with an established order, often related to religion**
- **Glyphs: picture writing**

Background Essay Questions:

- **Step 1: Answer each question with information from the background essay**
- **Step 2: Go back to the background essay & DRAW A BOX around the information that answers each question, label each answer with the question #**
- **Step 3: Re-read the questions & make sure you answered EVERY part of each question**
- **Step 4: Discuss your answers w/a partner & back them up with evidence! Get feedback!**

Bucketing & Pre-Bucketing:

- **Step 1: Label each bucket “Achievement # _____”**
 - **Use the 4 buckets to categorize each achievement 1-4**
 - **Doc. A – The Mayan Trade Network (map)**
 - **Doc. B – Building Cities**
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 - **Doc. D – The Mayan Calendar**

- **What is a Primary Source?**
 - **The raw materials of history; original documents and objects which were created at the time under study.**
- **What is a Secondary Source?**
 - **Accounts or interpretations of events created by someone without firsthand experience.**

Document Analysis:

- **Step 1: Break it down BEFORE you read the doc!**
 - **What is the TITLE of the document?**
 - **What info does the title give for what the doc is about?**
 - **What is the LABEL of the document?**
 - **Where does the SOURCE come from?**
 - **Speech, Article, Image, Artifact, etc.**

Document Analysis ctd:

- **Step 1: Break it down ctd**
 - Who is the **AUTHOR**?
 - What is the **DATE** the document was **CREATED**?
 - **Primary Source v. Secondary Source**
 - **Primary** = contemporary, created at that time
 - **Secondary** = created later
 - **Hint**: look at the timeline on the Background Essay Questions
 - **PAT** any **NOTES/explanations**?
 - **PAT = Pay Attention To**

Document Analysis ctd:

- **Step 2: Read the doc & ANNOTATE THE TEXT**
- **Step 3: Answer the questions**
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Reminder: Annotating the Text:

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Annotation the Text ctd:

- **Step 4: Answer each question with information from the document**
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Introductory Paragraph:



- **Break it down:**

- **This is the 1st part of your intro**
- **Use background essay to give background information**
- **3 sentences:**
 - **Info about:**
 - **Time Period**
 - **Place Location**
 - **Population Size**
 - **Land Area**
 - **Etc.**

Body Paragraphs/Topics:



- **Break it down:**

- **Topic/Transition Sentence:**

- What are you talking about in this paragraph?
 - Reason A, B, or C from your thesis

- **Evidence:**

- What evidence from the document(s) supports Reason A, B, or C from your thesis?

- **Analysis/Explanation:**

- Explain the evidence you just used

- **Concluding Sentence:**

- How does this evidence support Reason A, B, or C from your thesis?

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UNIT 5 DBQ

The Maya: What was Their Most Remarkable Achievement?

- **Upper left hand corner:**
 - **Last Name, First Name; ____period**
 - **Mrs. Rose, World History**
 - **Due Date**

- **Essay Format:**
 - **Font - Times New Roman**
 - **Font Size - 12**
 - **Normal Margins (not narrow or wide)**
 - **Double Spaced**
 - **Minimum 4 paragraphs**
 - **Minimum 2 pages**
 - **Minimum 2 documents (1 per body paragraph)**

Introductory Paragraph:



• **Break it down:**

- **1st sentence:** state the question w/synonyms
- **This is the 2nd part of your intro**
- **Use background essay to give background information**
- **3 sentences:**
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 - **Comparisons w/other civilizations**

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DBQ Citations

- **Parenthetical Citation Format:**
 - **(Evidence) blah blah blah...(Doc.____).**
 - **(Source info, author info)....(evidence) blah blah blah...(Doc. ____).**
- **NEVER EVER:**
 - **It says in Doc. ____ that...**