

Fifties Era Essay

Task: Develop a thesis and write an essay addressing ***one*** of the prompts below. Use proper essay format and accurate information to support the thesis statement. Information from class lessons should be used. Outside research may be necessary.

Prompt A:

Analyze the American response to the post-war communist threat. Focus on either: a. Foreign policy actions or b. Life in American society.

Prompt B:

Compare life in America during the fifties to life during the twenties. How were they similar?

Prompt C:

To what extent did fear shape American society in the fifties?

Prompt D:

Analyze the role new technology played in the transformation of American society during the fifties era.

Requirements

Thesis Statement

- ☐ Addresses all parts of the prompt
- ☐ provides categories of analysis
- ☐ takes a clear position, makes an argument
- ☐ is part of an introductory paragraph (needs no hook, just introduce the topic)

Body Paragraphs

- Topic Sentences
 - ☐ Each topic sentence introduces the main idea of the body paragraph
 - ☐ Each topic sentence relates back to an organizational category of a thesis
 - ☐ Each topic sentence is provable
 - ☐ Each topic sentence is an opinion
- Evidence
 - ☐ The evidence in each supporting paragraph supports the topic sentence
 - ☐ The evidence in provided in each supporting paragraph is thorough and accurate
- Explanation/Clincher Statement
 - ☐ The explanation or clincher statement wraps up the paragraph and connects to the thesis.

Conclusion

- ☐ The conclusion reinforces the thesis statement.
- ☐ No new information is included in the conclusion

Effective Writing and Formatting Requirements

- ☐ Papers should be typed in 12 pt. Times or Times New Roman font with 1 inch margins.
- ☐ Papers have been spell checked, grammar checked and edited for clarity.
- ☐ Sentence structure is clear, logical, and facilitates a clear message.

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