

## Essay (criterion A,C & D )help sheet

In the eAssessment the essay question is the last task. It is worth 24 marks and you should spend 40 minutes on this. Some of you may wish to do the essay first and it has the most points.

The question will be

- To what extent do you agree
- Discuss the...

### Introduction

This must have:

1. Context- set the scene
2. Dates or the decade
3. The place
4. The factors you will discuss

### Main body

- *To what extent do you agree* questions must have at least 2 sides. What they ask in the question and another perspective.
- Discuss questions must outline different factors
- They must be analytical paragraphs (PEA) and not narrative
- They must have a clear topic sentence
- The analysis can be signposted with words such as:
  - *'This example illustrates, reinforces, demonstrates, highlights, Indicates, emphasises, contradicts, underlines*
  - *As a result of this, this shows/proves/suggests*
  - *One can deduce/infer''*
  - *'it is evident that'*

### If you are struggling with analysis use PEA which you used in G6-8

This is a technique to help you structure your work so it is not a story.

- **Point** out what their paragraph argument is about. It is called signposting. Use the key words. You can use history terms such as social, political and economic.
- **Evidence/Example** Give the facts to support their point. Make sure it matches your point.
- **Analysis.** Follow it up with your opinion of how the evidence proves the argument/question. Use an analytical verb:

### Conclusion

- No new information here.
- Signpost it is a conclusion
- Argue and analyze which factor is most important and why
- Why does it outweigh the other factors? Or do they interlink?

### Main body paragraph- Simple example The Civil Rights movement was fully a success. TWE do you agree with this statement?

**P** One could argue that the Civil Rights Movement was a political success.

**E** This could be due to the fact that the civil rights act of 1964 changed a lot of things for African Americans. The act made it illegal to discriminate against African Americans in housing and employment.

**A** From this I can **infer** that this would have caused a **significant amount of change** as businesses could no longer discriminate against them because of their skin colour, if they did they would be prosecuted by law. This **shows** there was political advancement in that now African Americans were equal in the eyes of the law