

Answers to the essay questions are to be written in the separate essay booklet.

In developing your answer, be sure to keep these general definitions in mind:

- (a) **describe** means “to illustrate something in words or tell about it”
- (b) **discuss** means “to make observations about something using facts, reasoning, and argument; to present in some detail”

Part II

THEMATIC ESSAY QUESTION

Directions: Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs addressing the task below, and a conclusion.

Theme: Change — Turning Points

Major historical events are often referred to as turning points because they have led to important political, social, and economic changes.

Task:

Identify **two** major events in United States history that were important turning points and for **each**:

- Describe the historical circumstances that led to the event
- Discuss the political, social, **and/or** economic changes that resulted from the event.

You may use any major event from your study of United States history. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include the signing of the Declaration of Independence (1776), end of Reconstruction (1877), Henry Ford’s use of the assembly line (1913), United States entry into World War I (1917), *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* (1954), passage of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution (1964), and the fall of the Berlin Wall (1989).

You are *not* limited to these suggestions.

Guidelines

In your essay, be sure to

- Develop all aspects of the task
- Support the theme with many relevant facts, examples, and details
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization, including an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme