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ESSAY III.

ANALYTICAL ESSAY - HUMAN CONFLICT

PREP SHEET

In this essay you will analyze and discuss the topic **human conflict**: why does it happen and how can it be avoided?

Your essay will be **two pages long**. You can organize it in as many paragraphs as you want, but you must have an introduction and a conclusion. As you write your essay, remember to lead the reader through your text. Prepare the reader when you shift from one topic or example to the next. And make sure you introduce different time periods and geographical places. Do not jump into the examples without a transition, and do not finish the paragraphs with a new idea without developing it, or transition into the next paragraph.

1. Go back to your paragraph about conflict.

What is **your main idea** of your paragraph?

Have you explained your thinking sufficiently? Conflict is when/ it happens because... What do I think? What triggers it and why? If you have a source, you must use proper citations.

Which examples support my main idea: Use examples and any information you have obtained from The Merchant of Venice, the culture clash and massacre at Cajamarca, and Martin Luther. Compare and refer to your experience and background, and general knowledge of the world.

What do I think? How can conflict be avoided or solved?

Ask yourself:

Do I know enough? Do I have the correct titles, authors, names of characters? Do I need quotes from my references? Be precise and offer proper language and name of sources.

Useful vocabulary and expressions:

Viewpoint:

I believe that...

In my point of view,

It is important to point out that...

I think it is important to remember that...

Reference to text, play, video etc.:

The scene demonstrates how...

The author emphasizes..

The character demonstrates..

The character personifies ...

The scene/ character represents..

Reference to experience, your background, or the world in general:

My country is a good example of... DESCRIBE (What happened or who did what?)
EXPLAIN why it matters!

xxxxx is a good example of ... DESCRIBE, EXPLAIN

This can frequently be seen in ...

This sometimes occurs when...

A similar example can be found in

Citation of references and sources

Use the following way of citing or referring to a source:

The video "Guns, Germs and Steel" explains how...

Shakespeare sends a message/ depicts / emphasizes the importance of...

According to *LAST NAME*, **conflict** can be triggered by...

Venice was a diverse city in the middle ages (Cartwright, 2019)

Write a full two- page essay.

1. Make sure your introduction introduces the topic generally – avoid details. Finish with a thesis statement.
2. When you introduce sources, make sure the reader understands why you are mentioning the sources.
3. Use ALL **YOUR** WRITING when you prepare your essay: Journal, discussion group, exercise sheet, paragraph etc.

False: Shylock is a good example of how to negotiate different sides of a conflict.
Problem: Who is Shylock? Which conflict? Which time and place are we discussing?

Correct: The scene in “The Merchant of Venice” by Shakespeare (*if this is already not clear*) illustrates the religious conflict in Venice and Europe during the Renaissance. Shylock, one of the main characters, ... shows how we deal with conflict when we are treated unfairly...