

Prompt 5.9 - Essay Reflection

Do these

Parts of a Claim

- 1) Argument
 - a) If I were alive in the 1790s, I would have been a Jeffersonian Republican....
- 2) Reasons
 - a) ...because I agree with him on the economy, government, and human nature.
- 3) *4/4 Reason in one thematic idea
 - a) ...because I agree that only common people can protect our freedom.

Parts of a Topic Sentence

- 1) Argument
 - a) I would have sided with the Republicans on the economy...
- 2) Reasons
 - a) ...because an agrarian economy would make the nation more money.
- 3) *4/4 Reason tied to claim
 - a) I would have sided with the Republicans on the economy because trusting common farmers with the economy would keep them free.

Parts of an Analysis

Topic Sentence: I would side with Hamilton on human nature because only educated people would be able to make good decisions in government.

Quote: "The people are turbulent and changing; they seldom determine right"

- 1) Explain the quote
 - a) 3/4 : Explain the general idea of the quote again
 - i) Hamilton means that people are always changing their minds and can't make good decisions.
 - b) 4/4** : Explain each part of the quote's meaning. Explain "significant words" from the quote one at a time to fully explain what the author is saying.
 - i) By "turbulent," Hamilton meant that common people cannot make up their minds and he thought that they "seldom," or rarely, make good choices.
- 2) Analyze the significance
 - a) 3/4 : By changing their minds all the time, people would not be able to determine what the right thing to do in government would be.
 - b) 4/4** : He thought that commoners would not make good decisions because they would be easily convinced by others to change their minds.
- 3) Connect to the topic sentence/claim
 - a) 3/4 : Therefore, people changing their minds would be bad for government
 - b) 4/4** : By being easily convinced by others, uneducated commoners in government could be persuaded by America's many enemies into making the wrong decisions.

Avoid these

"This shows", Colloquial Language (slang/casual language), Question marks in analysis

Practice!

- 1) Regarding your **Claim**, how could you have improved your essay?

Rewrite a claim below.

- 2) Regarding your **Topic Sentences**, how could you have improved your essay?

Rewrite a topic sentence below.

- 3) Regarding your **Analysis**, how could you have improved your essay?

Rewrite an analysis below.

- 4) What else would you like to work on in your writing?
