Social Studies 20-1/30-1
Position Paper Assignment
Suggested Outline

Introduction
- Funnel introduction that gives a reason for the reader to keep reading your essay by providing an interesting preamble to the topic
- Discuss the ideological perspective in the source/prompt
- Discuss alternative ideological positions on the topic

Thesis
- Transition to the topic of the paper
- Present your position and arguments in one thesis statement

Argument #1 (second strongest)
- “One reason I support....”
- Discuss the argument using supporting evidence
- Evidence may be theoretical, historical, contemporary or current event focused
- Be sure that evidence is detailed and thorough; assume the reader knows nothing about this topic and you must be the teacher

Argument #2 (weakest)
- Repeat for your second argument
- “A second reason I support...”

Argument #3 (strongest)
- Repeat for your third argument
- “The most significant reason I support...”

Conclusion
- Write a conclusion that pulls the major point out of your essay. Why is this topic important?
- Try to avoid being repetitive

Approximate Length
1 double-spaced page
1/4 - 1/2 double-spaced page
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Total: 4 1/2 - 5 pages