Mexico Argumentative Essay World History

**Introduction:**

Our first attempt at our four writing standards is going to be an argumentative essay about **one** SPICE element that you feel is most important in understanding Mexico in 2019. The goal of this essay is for you to select, research and advocate for an element of Mexico that you feel people need to understand.

You will need to provide an answer to the question:

***Which SPICE element is most important to understanding modern Mexico?***

We will be working on this essay mostly in class and it will be due when you come to class on:

**November 5th**

**Assessment Details:**

This essay will be our first attempt at our four writing standards:

**Writing 1: Focus/Thesis/Theme:** *I can clearly develop and identify the main point of my writing.*

**Writing 2: Evidence/Historical Details:** *I can use a variety of types of evidence to support my main point.*

**Writing 3: Historical Analysis:**I can create a compelling and cogent argument

**Writing 4: Social Studies Writing:** *I can organize my ideas, write using proper citations, and use a variety of writing strategies.*

Each will be evaluated using the argumentative writing rubric (see website). In order to fully address each of these standards, your essay should include:

1. Introduction
   1. Hook
   2. Brief explanation of the historical development of this SPICE element in Mexico
   3. Thesis statement where you complete the sentence frame (or some variation of it): The (INSERT SPICE ELEMENT) is the SPICE element that is most important in understanding Mexico today because (1st reason), (second reason) and (third reason).
2. Body Paragraphs (x3)
   1. Topic Sentence- Reason the SPICE element is most important to understanding Modern Mexico
   2. Developing Sentences- Connect Reason to SPICE element and how it helps you to understand Mexico.
   3. Example-Where do we see this element in Modern Mexico
   4. Analysis- Explain example and connect to why it proves your SPICE element is most important
   5. Secondary Evidence to Show how you know that this SPICE element is so important (qualify your argument in relation to others)
   6. Analysis- Explain example and connect to why it proves your SPICE element is most important
   7. Concluding Sentence-Restate your reason
3. Conclusion
   1. Restate your thesis
   2. Summarize your reasons
   3. Connect how understanding this element allows you to see Mexico for what it is and where it is headed in the future.

To achieve this structure, your essay should be approximately 750-1000 words. You will need to provide a MLA format bibliography of all sources that you used to create it. This should be on the last page of your essay.

**The Process:**

We will be working in class to research, plan and write our essay. You will need to meet the below formative deadlines to ensure that each class is productive and focused on where you are in the writing process. Meeting the below deadlines will be reflected in your attainment on the Life Skills standard.

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| Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
| Introduce and Begin Researching  Research Skill- Evaluating the Reliability of websites | Turning Research into a MLA Format Bibliography and Essay Plan/Outline | Writing our Essay | Peer Edit and Revise | Submission and Celebration |
| Homework | Homework | Homework | Homework | Homework |
| Research and bookmark 4-5 sources on your SPICE element | Complete your essay plan | Complete your first draft | Complete your final copy | NONE |