AP Lang Synthesis Test

Format

* 40 minutes
* Multiple Sources (Must use 3). I say 4, no more than 5.
* DBQ: 20% from Source/ 80% from Prior Knowledge
* Synthesis: 80% from Sources they give you / 20 % from your prior knowledge.
* Both persuasive and expository

Where to Begin

* 15 minutes to Read the Prompt/Sources and Develop your view by annotating!
* Look for Language to see what it asks you to do… Count Factors = Issues. Bullet point them and consider each a “positive” or a “negative”
* AP wants you to have a conversation with these sources…

“They say ….” / “I say …”

Introduction

* Introduction:

- Hook that restates the assignment.

- Thesis Sentence Frame:

If/Before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should consider \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

• Lends itself well to a five-paragraph essay.

Body Paragraphs:

* Conversation With Sources
* Topic sentence does not include a source but rather a claim. (One of the factors, issues, etc.)
* Source A Author says “\_\_\_\_\_\_ “ (Source A). I say \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (same side/qualifying side).
* Meanwhile, source B Author says “\_\_\_\_\_\_ “ (Source B). I say \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (same side/qualifying side).
* Finally, my outside source says “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” I say \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (same side/qualifying side).
* Transition by making it argumentative (commentary).

Conclusion

* Restate challenge.
* Restate issues, factors.