

**How to write a Thesis: Practice**

You will have to write essays on the AP Exam

To receive points on an AP Exam you must be able to **make a Thesis**

**To make a Thesis-** Answer the prompt

Step 1)

**Prompt:**

How much are dogs and cats different?

**To make a Thesis-** Answer the prompt

**THESIS:**

Dogs and cats are \_\_\_\_\_ different

Choose the following: **a lot, a little, not**

Step 2)

**Prompt:**

Discuss the differences between a dog and a cat

**To make a Thesis-** Answer the prompt

**THESIS**

One difference between a dog and cat is....

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You will see the words "Evaluate the extent to which..." a lot on the AP Exam

Examples:

**2019 AP® WORLD HISTORY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

1. Evaluate the extent to which the Portuguese transformed maritime trade in the Indian Ocean in the sixteenth century.

2. In the period 600 B.C.E. to 600 C.E., the rise of large-scale empires led to increasing regional and transregional trade.

Develop an argument that evaluates the extent to which the rise of one or more empires contributed to an increase in trade in this time period.

3. In the period 600 to 1450 C.E., trade networks expanded and economic productive capacity increased. Technological innovations and transfers often contributed to this process.

Develop an argument that evaluates the extent to which technological innovations or transfers led to increased economic growth in this period.

4. In the period after 1900, the role of the state in the economy varied, with many states adopting policies to control or manage their economies.

Develop an argument that evaluates the extent to which one or more states controlled their economies in this time period.

Step 3

Prompt:

**Evaluate the extent to which** dogs and cats are different

- How much are dogs and cats different (a lot, a little, not)

- How are dogs different than cats

To make a Thesis- Answer the prompt

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Step 4

**Prompt:**

**Evaluate the extent to which** motorcycles and cars are different

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Step 5

**Prompt:**

**Evaluate the extent to which** SnapChat and Instagram are similar

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Step 6

Prompt:

**Evaluate the extent to which** the first day of high school and middle school were similar

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Example Below: You do not have to respond to the questions below

1. Evaluate the extent to which the Portuguese transformed maritime trade in the Indian Ocean in the sixteenth century.
  - **How much** did the Portuguese transform maritime trade in the Indian Ocean
  - **How did** the Portuguese transform maritime trade in the Indian Ocean
  - **How were...?**