

REGENTS REVIEW ASSIGNMENT #2

– Create an outline for this essay

Part B

Essay

Directions: Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs, and a conclusion. Use evidence from at least **four** documents in the body of the essay. Support your response with relevant facts, examples, and details. Include additional outside information.

Historical Context:

The United States Constitution divides the power to govern among the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the national government. The Constitution provides for a system of checks and balances to prevent one branch from dominating the other two.

Task: Using information from the documents and your knowledge of United States history, write an essay in which you:

- Describe how the system of checks and balances functions
- Show how this system has been applied in specific circumstances in United States history

Guidelines:

In your essay, be sure to:

- Address all aspects of the *Task* by accurately analyzing and interpreting at least **four** documents
- Incorporate information from the documents in the body of the essay
- Incorporate relevant outside information
- Support the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization
- Introduce the theme by establishing a framework that is beyond a simple restatement of the *Task* or *Historical Context* and conclude with a summation of the theme