

REGENTS REVIEW ASSIGNMENT #4 – PART II

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THEMATIC ESSAY QUESTION

Directions: Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs addressing the task below, and a conclusion.

Theme: Migration of Peoples

Throughout our nation's history, important migrations or movements of people within the United States have occurred. These migrations have had a significant impact on both the people who moved and on American society.

Task:

Identify *two* migration or movements of people within the United States and for each:

- Discuss the historical circumstances that led to the migration of these people.
- Discuss the impact of the migration on the people who moved and/or on American society.

You may use any important migration or movement of people from your study of United States history. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include the forced migration of Native Americans (1800-1880), the westward movement (1840-1890), the migration of African Americans from the south to cities in the North (1900-1929), the Puerto Rican migration to the north after World War II (1945-1960), the westward migration from the Dust Bowl (1930's), suburbanization (1945-present), and the migration to the Sun Belt (1950's-present).

You are not limited to these suggestions.

Guidelines:

In your essay, be sure to

- Develop all aspects of the task
- Support the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization, including an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme

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Theme: Influence of an Individual on National Change

Throughout the 20th century, individuals, other than presidents, attempted to address problems within American society. Their efforts have had a significant impact on American life.

Task:

Identify *two* individuals, other than presidents, who have had a significant impact on American life during the 20th century and for *each*

- Describe a problem in American society that the individual tried to change.
- Discuss an important contribution made by the individual to address this problem.
- Evaluate the impact of the contribution on American life.

You may use any important person from your study of United States history (other than a president). Some suggestions you might wish to consider include Upton Sinclair, Jacob Riis, Andrew Carnegie, Henry Ford, Langston Hughes, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Robinson, Martin Luther King, Jr., Betty Friedan, Rachel Carson, Cesar Chavez, and Bill Gates.

You are not limited to these suggestions.

You may NOT select a president of the United States.

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- (a) *discuss* means “to make observations about something using facts, reasoning, and argument; to present in some detail”
- (b) *evaluate* means “to examine and judge the significance, worth, or condition of; to determine the value of”
- (c) *describe* means “to illustrate something in words or tell about it”