

## Tips for Writing Paper #2

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### Paper #2: Topics in 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History

- Answer one question from two topics. Completely ignore topics your class didn't cover.
- 45 Minutes per essay (10 minutes to choose & plan, 35 minutes to write)
- Topic 1: Wars
  - Study, in detail, a few wars from the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. (Ex. World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War).
  - Be able to explain the causes of at least two wars, each from a different region.
  - Be prepared to deal with the concepts of guerilla war, limited war, and total war. Be able to give examples each.
  - Be able to assess the impact of at least two wars, each from different region.
- Topic 5: The Cold War
  - Be able to explain the origins of the Cold War.
  - Be able to analyze & evaluate the major events of the Cold War (ex. Marshall Plan, Truman Doctrine, containment, Berlin Blockade/Airlift, NATO, Warsaw Pact, Korean War, the arms race, Suez Crisis, Prague Spring, Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam War, Détente, the Soviet War in Afghanistan, the Tiananmen Square Protests, etc.).
  - Be able to evaluate the roles of various Cold War leaders (ex. Stalin, Truman, Mao, Nasser, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Castro, Khrushchev, Brezhnev, Nixon, Carter, Gorbachev, Reagan, etc.).
  - Be able to evaluate the economic issues involved in the Cold War.
  - Be able to explain the reasons for the end of the Cold War.