General Education Assessment Plan

G.2: Written Communication Assignment
Sample 2

Long Essay and Document Questions

Long Essay

This question is worth 20 points and the information you need to answer it is from your main textbook, *CREATED EQUAL*, but feel free to use other sources. There is important help in the Study Guide for the First Exam found in the Course Documents folder on the class Blackboard site. Here is the question:

Define “Manifest Destiny.” What was the message of Alfred Thayer Mahan? What was the background situation in Cuba prior to the Spanish American War? What were the reasons we declared war against Spain? What were some of the main battles or turning points...some of the personalities? What were some of the issues after Spain surrendered...especially in the Philippines? What was John Hay’s “Open Door Policy” and what was the cause of the Boxer Rebellion?

Most of the information you need to answer the question above will come from Chapter 18. Be sure you are discussing Manifest Destiny as it pertains to this time period...1898! Feel free to use www sources, as well...BUT...no plagiarizing! List your sources at the end of your Long Essay.

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Document Questions

1) Explain the roots or origins of the Progressive Movement by beginning with Grangers and the Alliances and continuing through the formation of the People’s Party (Populism). B. What were some of their demands? C. People also became convinced that the rapid pace of industrialization and urbanization created intolerable problems. The Progressives thought direct, purposeful human intervention in social and economic affairs was essential to ordering and bettering society. What was the optimistic vision of Progressivism? D. What did they want done? E. Who were the progressive reformers and where had they come from? (20 points)

2) This is the era of the beginnings of organized labor. What were the conditions that prompted the organization of labor? What were some of the first organizations and who were their organizers? What were their goals? Were they effective? Why or why not? (10 points)
3) By the turn of the century we were a world power with worldwide interests. How did Teddy Roosevelt see his duty as President and the duty of the US in the world community? What was his role in the construction of the Panama Canal? What was the Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine? What were some of his other accomplishments? (10 points)

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