**What is a positon paper?**

For this type of essay you will be presented with one source, which will be presented as a statement. Your task is to create an essay in which you analyze the source and establish a position (paragraph one), develop your arguments (paragraphs two, three, and four), and summarize your stance in relation to the source (paragraph five). The question you will always be answering is: *To what extent should we embrace the ideological perspective(s) reflected in the source?*

**Essay Outline**

You must follow a specific format for this type of essay. Instructions for each paragraph are below. Each of the details MUST be included – meaning you cannot pick and choose which portions to include. A strong paragraph must include answers to all of the points provided and do it in the order they are provided.

**Paragraphs 1 (Introduction):**

1. Summarize the main points of the source (just like you would for a source analysis). Do an abbreviated version of describe, interpret, and link.
2. What is the attitude of the author towards globalization/nationalism/liberalism and the key question for this unit?
3. What do you know about the issue raised in the source? i.e. Provide applicable context for the source
4. Your position and evidence to support it (To what extent should we embrace the Globalization/Nationalism/Ideological perspective reflected in the source?)
5. Your arguments and evidence (a preview of what your following paragraphs will be about)

**Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 (Arguments) :**

1. Statement - The ideological perspective presented in the source should/should not be embraced because…
2. Present your argument
3. Provide contextual evidence to back your argument

**Paragraphs 5 (Conclusion):**

1. Summarize what you have written. Start with summarizing your position statement and go from there.
2. Assume the reader is very forgetful, and remind them of all of your arguments again.

**Planning Pages**

**Introduction**

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| **Step 1: Summarize the main points of the source (Source Analysis). Do an abbreviated version of DESCRIBE, INTERPRET, LINK** | | | | |
| **What is the attitude of the author towards globalization/nationalism/liberalism and the key question for this unit?** | | | | |
| **Step 2: What do you know about the issue raised in the source? i.e. Provide applicable context for the source** | | | | |
| **Step 3:Three possible positions you can take** | | Agree | Disagree | \*In certain situations / circumstances  (TO A ***SPECIFIC*** EXTENT) |
| **Step 4: Your Position:** | | | | |
| **Explain your position on the source** | | | **Why do you think this?** | |
| **My Position Statement:** \*this is what you are going to spend your ENTIRE essay proving. | | | | |
| *1: What? – Restate the question as an answer (“We should/should not Embrace the perspective presented in the source . . . )*  *2: Why? – “because…” answer the question*  *3. How? – Evidence/Proof* |  | | | |
| **The Evidence: ( How are you going to prove your position? )**  **What did you learn in Social Studies that will help you prove this? (Historical, Theoretical, Current Events)** | | | | |
| **Explain your Evidence:** | | | | |
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**Body Paragraphs**

*YOU NEED AT LEAST 2 SEPARATE ARGUMENTS, HOWEVER 3 IS RECCOMMENDED!*

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|  | **Paragraph 2** | **Paragraph 3** | **Paragraph 4** |
| **Statement**  The ideological perspective presented in the source should/should not be embraced because \_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |
| **Evidence**  Case Study /Theory/Current Events |  |  |  |
| **Explanation**  Explain thoroughly 1) *How* the evidence fits your argument  2) *Why* this proves that we should accept/reject the perspective of the source |  |  |  |