

Check out the tips for each rubric category below!

#### Perspective

- Weigh Soviet Union AND at least one other cause in your thesis
- Be sure to distinguish which cause is more weighty in your thesis

#### Context

- Define political, social, and economic situation in Afghanistan now in intro
- Connect Afghanistan's struggles to the Cold War in intro

#### Selecting Evidence

- Make sure evidence is relevant to your argument

#### Use of Documents

- Use six different documents - doesn't need to be a quote but must be cited

#### Counterargument

- Include a counterargument - one cause is clearly more important than another cause
- Don't just SAY why one cause is more important than another cause - explain WHY this cause has a bigger impact on Afghanistan now

#### Logical Reasoning/Analysis

- Don't just explain how Afghanistan was bad because of something 30 years ago - connect it to 2014
  - If you're arguing Soviet invasion, don't tell me how the invasion messed Afghanistan up in the 1980s - explain how it impacts the bad situation in Afghanistan now

#### Writing Quality

- Use complete sentences
- No abbreviations
- Use professional language

#### Citing Sources

- Cite all sources - don't skip any