

How To Improve Your Knowledge Mark on Written Work



1. Give background information/context.

What does this mean?

- Things the reader needs to know in order to understand the argument you're making in your paragraph/essay. Often, this means things that happened before the time period of your topic.
- For example, PERSIAT factors
- Describe key events, don't just name or list them. **Never assume** the reader knows what they are.



2. Provide dates (years) for key events.

3. Show that you are knowledgeable about the society you're writing about. The topic should not be presented in a bubble (floating in space by itself with no context).



How to do this?

- Show an understanding of large social, political, economic, religious, intellectual forces (or changes) that are occurring at the time of your paragraph/essay topic. Describe them briefly. **Never assume** the reader knows what they are.

4. Give brief descriptions of the people you refer to by saying who they are in relation to the topic of your paragraph/essay. No one should be just a name.

- For example, "According to Askia Mohammad, a Songhai Empire leader, Islam was ..."
- **Never assume** the reader knows who they are.

