

# Thematic Essay

**Directions:** Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs addressing the task below, and a conclusion.

## Theme: Government

The early republic in the United States adopted policies and actions that profoundly influenced the nature of American government. These policies and actions established major policy decisions that became part of the unwritten constitution.

## Task:

From your study of United States history:

- Identify **two** policies that are part of the unwritten constitution
- Describe how the policies have impacted United States history and government.

You may use any example of the Unwritten Constitution from U.S. History and Government. Some suggestions you might want to consider include the cabinet, Judicial Review, Lobby groups, and political parties.

### Thematic Essay-Outline



**Step #1: The Introduction.** Some people think you can simply copy the theme. You cannot!!!! However, let it guide you in your opening paragraph. Use it as your basis and change the words and adapt it so you are putting some thought into it. Go ahead try it!

**Step #2: Still the Introduction.** Now take care of the first bullet point in the **Task** section of your essay. Remember, use SCAAR. However do not write SCAAR in your introduction, simply break it down into what each of the letter stands for. Go ahead try it!!!!!!

**Step #3: First Body Paragraph.** Let's now take care of the second bullet point. Your paragraph should be at least **five sentences**. To make your life easier, let's first write about what all of the Early River Valley Civilizations had in common. Try it!!! Shoot for two sentences here.

Topic Sentence:

What did they all have in common?:

**Step #4: Still First Body Paragraph.** Now let's take one aspect from each of the Early River Valley Civilizations and create a sentence **for each one**. Remember we are still on the first paragraph.

**Mesopotamia: (Government)**

**Egypt: (Record Keeping)**

**Indus River Valley: (Plumbing)**

**Step #5: The Second Body Paragraph.** How do the achievements that you listed impact us today?

**Remember Topic Sentence!:**

**Step #6: Still The Second Body Paragraph.** Now write down at least **four sentences** on the lasting importance of the civilizations. One for each civilization!!!

**Step #7: The Conclusion.** Your home free! Now summarize what you have just written about in your conclusion. This should at least be three sentences. In addition, generalize...you have already discussed each civilization separately now sum them all up.

Congratulations. You did it!!!!

