Essay Exam Evaluation

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History 1301: History of the American Empire 1607-1877

Strengths: Argument and Presentation

- Clear thesis.
- Paper is logical and convincing. Solid reasoning throughout paper.
- Good introduction. Interesting and anticipates argument.
- Good conclusion. Effectively summarizes argument.
- Well organized.
- Plentiful and well-chosen evidence supports thesis.
- Good grasp of key issues.
- Addressed all aspects of the question.

Weaknesses: Argument

- Essay lacks a clear, specific thesis.
- Arguments are unclear or incomplete.
- Arguments are not substantiated with sufficient analysis or evidence.
- Factual errors.
- Misused key terms or concepts.
- Paper is poorly organized and does not follow a clear outline.
- No/weak introduction.
- No/weak conclusion.
- Numerous grammatical and/or spelling errors.

Advice

- Proofread your work.
- Prepare an outline before you begin to write.
- Read the question carefully and address all parts of the question.