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Word Replacement Strategy (WRS) for Global History Essays

When writing an introduction for an essay on the Global History regents exam, the rubric for scoring indicates that a student "Includes the theme or problem by establishing a framework that is **beyond a simple restatement of the theme**" for a minimum score of four (4) out of five (5). This means, if you copy the theme word for word you cannot receive a score higher than a three (3).

The Word Replacement Strategy is designed for you to reach a score of four (4) or more for your essay and to give you a good means by which to start your essay.

Step #1: Read the theme.
Step #2: Circle all the words that can be replaced ***except*** for the *theme*, or the words; *political, social, or economic*.
Step #3: Use synonyms to replace each of the circled words.
Step #4: Rewrite the theme using the replacements. Make sure the sentence sounds ıatically correct.

Theme: Geography

> Geographic factors have affected the development of nations and regions. These factors have also promoted or hindered cultural diffusion.

Word or Short Phrase	Replacement

Write your new theme below:

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THEMATIC ESSAY QUESTION

Directions: Rewrite the theme using the Word Replacement Strategy (WRS). In this strategy words are replaced using synonyms (different words that mean the same).

Theme: Human and Physical Geography

> Throughout history, geographic features have influenced the development of civilizations and regions. Geographic features have both promoted and limited interactions with other civilizations and regions.

Word or Short Phrase	Replacement

Write your new theme below:

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