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Answers to the essay questions are to be written in the separate essay booklet.
In developing your answer be sure to keep these general definitions in mind:

(a) describe means "to illustrate something in words or tell about it"

(b) explain means "to make plain or understandable; to give reasons for or causes of; to show the logical development or relationships of "

THEMATIC ESSAY QUESTION

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

Theme: Turning Points
Turning points are major events in history that have led to lasting change.

Task:
Identify ***two*** major turning points in global history and for ***each***:
• Describe the historical circumstances surrounding the turning point
• Explain how ***each*** turning point changed the course of history

You may use any example from your study of global history. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include the Neolithic Revolution, the Fall of the Roman Empire, the Crusades, the Renaissance, the Reformation, the Counter-Reformation, the Age of Exploration, the Scientific Revolution, The Enlightenment, etc.

You are *not* limited to these suggestions.
Do *not* use any turning points in United States history.

Guidelines:

In your essay, be sure to

• Develop all aspects of the task
• Support the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
• Use a logical and clear plan of organization, including an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme