
SOCIAL STUDIES
EXTENDED RESPONSE CHECKLIST
Grades 6, 7, 8

As you write your response, be sure to complete the following:

- Show an in-depth understanding of the topic.
- Answer all parts of the question.
- Include ample, well-chosen evidence from the sources to support and develop your response.
- Include accurate and relevant factual information from your own knowledge, beyond the information that is given in the sources, to support your response.
- Communicate your ideas well and use logical reasoning.
- Write enough to fully answer the question. This will usually require more than one paragraph.

Following the steps below will help you write a successful extended response.

Step 1: Planning and Writing

- Read the question carefully.
- Think about what you will write before you begin.
- Answer **all** parts of the question.
- Include ample, well-chosen evidence from the sources to support your response.
- Include accurate and relevant factual information from your own knowledge to support your response.
- Communicate your ideas clearly.
- Organize your ideas in a logical order.
- Use paragraphs to separate different main ideas.

Step 2: Proofreading

- Review the checklist to make sure you have covered all the expectations.
- Reread your response.
- Revise if needed.
- Correct any errors you find.