

Ways of the World: A Global History with Sources for the AP® Course
AP® Skills Workshop Activity Handout: Argument Development
Chapter 17: Revolutions of Industrialization

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Date _____ Class _____

1. Activity: Identifying a Historical Argument. Read Historians' Voices 17.1 (page 779) and identify the components of the historical argument below:

Claim/Thesis:

Pieces of evidence that support the thesis:

Type of reasoning:

The counterargument, or contradictory evidence:

2. Activity: Building a Historical Argument Paragraph. Below we have given you the prompt and thesis for a historical argument. We then provide a topic sentence for one paragraph of that argument. Find evidence on pages 759 to 766 of Chapter 17, and apply the reasoning skill evident in the thesis to create one paragraph of a historical argument.

When you are done, explain what you have learned about the structure of a good argument.

Prompt: *Evaluate the extent to which the Industrial Revolution impacted Latin America.*

Thesis: *Although Latin American economies boomed because of the global integration that resulted from the Industrial Revolution, Latin America never industrialized to a large degree because it built its global integration on the export of raw materials.*

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Topic sentence: *Latin American economies boomed because of global integration that resulted from the Industrial Revolution.*

Evidence from the text that could be used to support the topic sentence:

3. Activity: Creating a Historical Argument. Using evidence from the section of Chapter 17 titled “Variations on a Theme: Industrialization in the United States and Russia” on pages 752–759, create a historical argument based on the prompt below. Before you begin, outline your argument by filling in the blanks below with a thesis statement and at least two topic sentences that clearly link to the thesis. (You are not limited to two paragraphs.) Be sure that you are making an argument that takes into consideration the complexity of the evidence.

Prompt: *Evaluate the extent to which Russian industrialization mirrored U.S. industrialization.*

Historical reasoning skill I want to use to answer this prompt:

Thesis statement based on reasoning skill and prompt:

Topic sentence for paragraph 1:

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Evidence for paragraph 1:

Topic sentence for paragraph 2:

Evidence for paragraph 2:

Argument:
