

i WORLD HISTORY i

UNIT III: Times of Darkness

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THESIS [25%]	Vague or overly general. Example: <i>The Roman Catholic Church had a pope.</i>	Clear & interesting. Example: <i>The Roman Catholic Church was a powerful religious institution that bound society together.</i>	Intriguing & dynamic. Example: <i>The Roman Catholic Church was a dualistic entity, at once a source of order and a propagator of war and conquest.</i>
SUPPORTING EVIDENCE [25%]	Little or none. Example: <i>The Church was influential.</i>	Somewhat specific. Example: <i>The many churches built throughout Europe were evidence of the influence of the Church.</i>	Relevant & illuminating. Example: <i>The cathedral of Chutreaux took 86 years to build and was a monument to people's faith and dedication to the church.</i>
CONCLUSION [25%]	Unrelated or incomplete. Example: <i>One can easily see that the Middle Ages were pretty cool.</i>	Related and complete. Example: <i>A powerful institution, the Church unified the people of Europe with a common faith.</i>	Convincing and precise. Example: <i>Despite the undeniable religious and political influence of the Church, its overall legacy is to be regarded with some ambivalence.</i>
LANGUAGE [25%]	Poor spelling and grammar; simplistic sentences.	Good spelling and grammar; vocabulary related to topic.	Impeccable spelling and grammar; advanced vocabulary and sentence structure.