Remember on the Unit 7 DBQ you will not have access to your thesis formula, theme and strategy acronyms, or conclusion formula. Take a minute to review each of these to ensure you understand these strategies that you have been using all year.

Consult your Writing Guidelines for elaborated instruction…

**The Thesis Formula:**
X. However, A, B, and C. Therefore, Y. or Although X, Y because ABC.

**Formula adapted for the BIG FOUR**

1. **Historical Causation:**
   What are the major causes or consequences of “event” and what were the most important causes or consequences of “event”?
   X = least important cause or consequence, with an explanation why
   A, B, C = most important causes / consequences, explanations why, broken up thematically
   Y = your assertion statement

2. **Continuity and Change over Time:**
   What are the major patterns of continuity or change over the time period and was there more continuity or change over that time period?
   X = continuity or change, your counter-argument
   A, B, C = continuity or change during the specified time period, broken up thematically
   Y = your assertion statement

3. **Compare and Contrast:**
   What similarities and differences are there between the two things, are there more similarities or differences, and why, account for those similarities or differences?
   X = more similar or different, your counter-argument
   A, B, C = similarities or differences between two things, broken up thematically
   Y = your assertion statement

4. **Periodization | (or Take a Position):**
   Evaluate whether something was a turning point or a major marking period in history, noting what things were like before and after that period.
   X = counter argument, why something was or was not a turning point
   A, B, C = argument, why something was a turning point broken up thematically
   Y = your assertion statement

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**BAGPIPE – Historical Themes to Be Analyzed**

- B: beliefs
- A: America in the World
- G: Geography
- P: Politics and Power
- I: Identity
- P: Peopling
- E: Economy

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**Document usage in the DBQ - HIPP**

H: Historical Context + I: Intended Audience or P: Purpose or P: Point of View

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**Conclusion Formula:**
Therefore, Y + BC. BC is similar/different to OC, because E.

Y = your thesis
BC = Broad Context… what is the big picture within the era you are writing about… (identify one of the major historical themes – BAGPIPE)
OC = Other Context (comparative context)… what other time period experienced a similar or different big picture/theme?
E = explanation (at least one strong piece of evidence to support your comparison and an explanation of how or why the broad context of each era are similar or different)

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Fight Fiercely!