**Using the PIRATES format when write your essays in History**

**P = POLITICAL** -- What was happening politically, or how did this person or event impact their environment politically?

**I = INTELLECTUAL** -- What were the major thoughts, points of view, philosophies of the time, or held by the major persons or groups? What books or major art works or pieces of music developed during this period?

**R = RELIGIOUS** -- What religious movements, developments, or groups were active or impacted by a particular event, person or era?

**A = ARTS --**What were the diverse range of [human activities](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_behavior) in creating visual, auditory or performing artifacts ([artworks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artworks)), expressing the author's [imaginative](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imagination) or technical skill, intended to be appreciated for their beauty or emotional power. You may include architecture as well.

**T = TECHNOLOGICAL** -- Was this person, event, or era marked by a particular technological advancement?   
  
**E = ECONOMIC** -- What economic trends, developments, patterns were present or were created/impacted by a person, event, or era -- or how did the prevailing economics of the era helped to shape the person or event?

**S = SOCIAL** -- What was going on in society that influenced this person, or led to this event, or characterized this era?    
  
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