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Contextualization

Contextualization can be tricky. Students often do not go broad enough. Some students go too broad. Some students simple list everything they know without narrowing their contextualization sentences and introductory towards their thesis and the argument they are trying to make.

**Example 1:** Read the essay prompt and contextualization sentences. After reading, answer the questions below.

*Essay Prompt: Compare and Contrast Rock Ridge High School and Broad Run High School in terms of teachers, school spirit, and classes offered.*

*Contextualization:* Rock Ridge High School and Broad Run High School are both located in Ashburn, Virginia. Rock Ridge High School was opened five years ago, while Broad Run High School was opened over 40 years ago, in 1969.

Do you think these contextualization sentences would get the point on the LEQ rubric? Why or why not?

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What would you fix about these sentences? What would you keep the same?

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**Example 2:** Read the essay prompt and contextualization sentences. After reading, answer the questions below.

*Essay Prompt: Compare and Contrast the Magic Kingdom and the Animal Kingdom in Walt Disney World based on themes present in the parks, rides, and food.*

*Contextualization:* Walt Disney World is located in Orlando, Florida and was opened in 1971. The “happiest place on Earth” is home to four parks, 2 waterparks, over 20 hotels, hundreds of restaurants, and an entertainment district for adults and families alike. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people stream to WDW in order to experience the magic of Disney, Mickey, and the entertainment they provide. Two of the parks, Magic Kingdom and Animal Kingdom, are often cited as fan favorites.

Do you think these contextualization sentences would get the point on the LEQ rubric? Why or why not?

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**Example 3:** Read the essay prompt and contextualization sentences. After reading, answer the questions below.

*Essay Prompt: Compare and Contrast Mesopotamia and Indus in terms of environment/geography, society/economics, and politics/government.*

*Contextualization:* Early civilizations started to emerge in Asia and North Africa by 3000 B.C. as small farming villages evolved into more complex societies. The earliest civilizations developed in major river valleys where they could rely on a source of fresh water to sustain agricultural development and population growth. Two of these river valley civilizations arose in Mesopotamia in the Fertile Crescent of southwestern Asia and in the Indus River valley of the Indian subcontinent.

Do you think these contextualization sentences would get the point on the LEQ rubric? Why or why not?

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What would you fix about these sentences? What would you keep the same?

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Now, write your own contextualization sentences about Unit 2 of this class. Assume your essay prompt is going to deal with comparing Mesopotamia and China (as mentioned on the thesis practice sheet).

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