How to write Source Questions: pt. 1

How to write a 5 point source question???

1. A 5 point source question is a question with ONE (1) source. That ONE (1) source could be a visual, a quote, an excerpt from a book or newspaper, etc.

**Paragraph 1: Introduction (0.5%)**

A general statement of introduction to the topic you will be discussing. It could be a thesis statement possibly.

**Paragraph 2: Reference to the source (2%)**

Explain the content of the source in this short paragraph. ALWAYS begin with “According to the source….”

**Paragraph 3: Historical Reference. (2%)**

Here, you make reference to what you have learned about this topic (in class discussion, notes, textbook etc.) Normally you would talk about things that are not in the source but answering the question that is being asked. You should begin with “with reference to History,…” This is generally the longest part of your essay as it will contain many parts of your answer. This “paragraph” could in fact be 2-5 paragraphs if need be.

**Paragraph 4: Conclusion (0.5%)**

Conclude the essay with a sentence or two about what you have talked about. Generally one tends to restate the thesis…..unless English class has told you not to end an essay that way!

Note: 2% =reference to source

 3% = understanding of history (notes, etc.)