

## **EXERCISE: PAST ESSAY PROMPTS FROM SECTION 4**

Go through these prompts and:

1. Formulate your argument.
  2. Write an introduction (Pre-context, counter-argument, argument with examples, thesis)
  3. List your examples and WHY/HOW they support your argument
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“If the Supreme Court had been asked to determine the constitutionality of the Louisiana Purchase, the Marshall Court would have most likely agreed with President Thomas Jefferson’s rationale for the acquisition.” Validate or refute this statement; give an example for your argument. REMEMBER: You have to explain WHY/HOW this example supports your argument.

“Overall the War of 1812 had little effect on the development of the United States?” Validate or refute this statement; frame your argument in terms of social, political, and economic factors.

“After the War of 1812 westward expansion emerged as the important issue for the new country.” Validate or refute this statement; give an example to support your argument.

“Although Henry Clay’s American System was designed to foster economic foundation for the United States, it ultimately failed due to it becoming the focus of political backlash.” Validate or refute this statement; provide examples to support your argument.