

# Change Over Time Essays

Change Over Time essays are similar to Comparison essays since they both look at how something is similar or different than something else. In the COT essay, the similarity is how something did not change and the differences are the changes. The important element is why things did or did not change.

The most important elements of the Change Over Time essay are that the student must show what has changed and what has remained continuous throughout those changes from the beginning to the end of the time period given. The continuities must be substantial, not obvious (Mexicans remained Mexicans), nor can change be continuous.

## 1. Time – Beginning-Middle-End

Introduction—Thesis and Definitions

Section I – Beginning of the Time Period – what were the items like at the beginning

Section II – Middle events – what affected the items being discussed or not, and why

Section III – End of the Time Period – how items changed or remained unchanged, and why

Conclusion

## 2. Point by Point

Introduction—Thesis and Definitions

Section I- Item 1 – how it changed/continued from beginning to end

Section II- Item 2 – how it changed/continued from beginning to end

Section III- Item 3 – how it changed/continued from beginning to end

Conclusion

### Thesis Musts

1. – AP
2. – Place/Time
3. – 3 Categories
4. – 1:2 Ratio

2010 COT	Describe and explain continuities and changes in religious beliefs and practices in ONE of the following regions from 1450 to the present. Sub-Saharan Africa Latin America/Caribbean
2009 COT	Analyze the continuities and changes in patterns of interactions along the Silk Roads from 200 BCE to 1450.
2008 COT	Analyze the changes and continuities in commerce in the Indian Ocean region from 650 CE to 1750 CE.
2007 COT	Analyze major changes and continuities in the formation of national identities in ONE of the regions listed below from 1914 to the present. Be sure to include evidence from specific countries in the region selected. Middle East Southeast Asia Sub-Saharan Africa
2006 COT	Analyze the cultural and political changes and continuities in ONE of the following civilizations during the last centuries of the classical era. Chinese 100-600 CE Roman 100-600 CE Indian 300-600 CE
2005 COT	Analyze the social and economic transformations that occurred in the Atlantic world as a result of new contacts among Western Europe, Africa, and the Americas from 1492 to 1750.
2004 COT	Analyze the changes and continuities in labor systems between 1750 and 1914 in ONE of the following areas. In your analysis, be sure to discuss the causes of the changes and the reasons for the continuities. Latin America and the Caribbean Russia Sub-Saharan Africa
2003 COT	Describe and analyze the cultural, economic, and political impact of Islam on ONE of the following regions between 1000 CE and 1750 CE. Be sure to discuss continuities as well as changes. West Africa South Asia Europe
2002 COT	Choose TWO of the areas listed below and analyze how each area's relationship to global trade patterns changed from 1750 to the present. Be sure to describe each area's involvement in global patterns around 1750 as your starting point. Lat Am E Asia E Eur NAM Sth/SE Asia Sub-Saharan Africa Middle East