

**Global History IV  
Regents Review**

**THEMATIC ESSAY QUESTION**

*Directions:* Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs addressing the task below, and a conclusion.

**Theme: Global Problems**

Throughout history, global problems have posed major challenges for nations and regions.

**Task:**

Select **two** different global problems and for **each**:

- Describe **one** major cause of the global problem
- Discuss **one** effect of the global problem on a specific nation or region

You may use any global problem from your study of global history. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include environmental pollution, desertification, deforestation, overpopulation, refugees, spread of disease, international drug trafficking, and ethnic conflicts.

**You are *not* limited to these suggestions.**

**Do *not* describe problems in the United States although the discussion of the effect of the global problem could involve the United States.**

**Guidelines:**

**In your essay, be sure to:**

- Develop all aspects of the task
- Support the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization, including an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme