**BREAKING DOWN THE QUESTION**

1. Underline words you do not know or understand or unfamiliar with.
   a. Use dictionary.com to define underlined words.
   b. Use thesaurus.com and exchange words for the ones you are familiar with.
   c. Reread the question with the substituted words.
2. Decide how many questions the question is asking. Circle the word(s) that make the sentence ask for multiple answers. How is the focus plural? Are the word “and”, “each”, or other plural words, phrases, or commas being used to require multiple answers? Is the question questioning a process? If it is discussing a process, multiple examples are required. Is the question asking for an example or multiple examples?
3. Rephrase the question into a statement to answer the question. Make the statement grammatically correct.
4. If more than one question is being asked, create a statement to answer each question.
5. The correct number of examples should be incorporated within your statement.
   a. Make an underline ( ______) for each possible example.
   i. Example - Slavery developed in America because of ______, ________, and ________.
6. Complete the statement by answering the question
   a. Example - Slavery developed in America because of wealth, mercantilism, and race.
7. Incorporate vocabulary terms if the vocabulary term is the answer.
   a. Mercantilism is a vocabulary term

**EXAMPLES OF TWO QUESTIONS BEING ASKED**

What are the advantages and disadvantages of the agricultural revolution?
1. How many questions are being asked within the question?
   a. This answer requires two answers with multiple examples.
      i. And was used. There are no commas, but advantages and disadvantages are plural.

**CREATE STATEMENT - START TO ANSWER THE QUESTION**

1. Make the question into two individual statements.
   a. Statement number 1
      i. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the agricultural revolution are ______.
   b. Statement number 2
      i. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the agricultural revolution are ______.

**MAKE 2 STATEMENTS AND ADD MULTIPLE ANSWERS TO ANSWER THE QUESTION**

1. Create answer number 1.
   a. The advantages of the agricultural revolution are ______ and ______.
      i. Rephrase the question into a statement to answer the question.
      ii. Make points but Do NOT explain. Step 2 is when you explain your answer with examples.
      iii. Advantages is plural so there needs to be at least two examples to complete the answer correctly. The more examples the more you SHOW UNDERSTANDING.

2. Create answer number 2.
   a. The disadvantages of the agricultural revolution are ______ and ______.
      i. Rephrase the question into a statement to answer the question.
      ii. Make points but Do NOT explain. Step 2 is when you explain your answer with examples.
      iii. Disadvantages is plural so there needs to be at least two examples to complete the answer correctly. The more examples the more you SHOW UNDERSTANDING.

**EXAMPLE OF MULTIPLE QUESTIONS BEING ASKED**

How did each religion deal with their specific challenges in colonial America?
1. How many questions are being asked within the question?
   a. Each is used. The number of answers depends on how many religions are being discussed.
   b. Challenges is plural so multiple examples are required.

**MAKE STATEMENT WITH ANSWER**

2. Make the question into individual statements to answer how each religious group handled challenges.
   a. How did each religion deal with their specific challenges in colonial America?
      i. (Religion) specifically dealt with (challenge #1) and (challenge #2) in colonial America by ______.
# HOW TO ANSWER HISTORICAL QUESTIONS – Question Breakdown

## CREATE MULTIPLE ANSWERS

1. Create first part of answer number 1
   a. **Quakers** dealt with *(challenge #1)* in the **colonial America** by __________.
      i. Rephrase the question into a statement which will answer the question.
      ii. Specifically name a religion and make the question into a statement.
         1. Name the challenge the religion dealt with without explaining what they did.
         2. Religions may have handled the same challenges differently.
      iii. Challenges is plural so there needs to be at least two examples to complete the answer correctly. The more examples the more you **SHOW UNDERSTANDING**.

2. Create second part of answer number 1 – Follow the steps above
   a. **Quakers** dealt with *(challenge #2)* in **colonial America** by **colonies** by __________.
      i. Rephrase the question into a statement which will answer the question.
      ii. Specifically name a religion and make the question into a statement and follow the steps above.

3. You can combine two sentences or multiple answers into one sentence. **Examples must be in the same order**.
   a. **Quakers** dealt with **religion and Native Americans** in **colonial America** by **establishing religious freedom** and by **manipulating the Native Americans**.

## EXAMPLES OUTSIDE THE NORM

Below are examples of questions that require multiple examples or answers although "and", commas, and plural words are not used.

The questions below are asking for multiple examples because there was more than one reason for slavery developing and there were a number of ways that slavery was resisted. There are words that indicate multiple examples although they may not look like it. Developed and resisted are words that require multiple examples. If a question is questioning a process, then multiple (more than 2) examples are required.

1. How did slavery **develop** in **colonial America**?
2. How was slavery **resisted**?

## HOW MANY QUESTIONS?

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Create the answers

1. What role did geography play in the economy of (colony)?
2. What role did geography play in the political systems of (colony)?

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## EXAMPLE OF ONE QUESTION BEING ASKED

**What was the agricultural revolution?**

1. How many questions are being asked within the question?
   a. Only 1 question is being asked.
      i. There are no plural words, no commas, and the word “and” is not used.

## CREATE STATEMENT

2. Make the question into a statement to answer the question.
   a. **What was** the agricultural revolution is/was __________.

## MAKE STATEMENT WITH YOUR ANSWER

3. Create the answer.
   b. **The agricultural revolution was** __________.
      i. Rephrase the question into a statement which will answer the question.
      ii. Make a point but Do NOT explain. Step 2 is when you explain your answer with examples.