**FRQ Command Prompts and Examples**

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| **Verbs** | **Definition, Example Prompt, and Abbreviated Sample Answer** | **Helpful Hints for Success** |
| **Describe** | Provide the relevant characteristics of a specified topic. | **3-4  DETAILED sentences with specifics.**  Scale matters: State, region, global… stick to the scale in Q |
| **Prompt:** “Describe the changing demographic structure of Japan since 1990.”  **Answer:** *“The demographic structure of Japan has changed as the birth rate has decreased and life expectancy has increased since 1990.  This has resulted in a more topheavy pop pyramid with many elderly people and relatively few children. As a result, working age...”* |
| **Explain** | Provide information about how or why a relationship, process, pattern, position, or outcome occurs, using evidence and/or reasoning. | **Paragraph**  Use *“because”* and “*for example”*  Qs are often looking for you to explain cause/effect relationship |
| ***Prompt:*** Explain why deforestation has been increasing in tropical regions.  ***Answer:*** *“Deforestation is occurring in tropical regions because commercial farmers in the region need more land as consumer demand increases and there is widespread use of unsustainable farming practices such as slash-and-burn agriculture. (then back up claim with evidence and reasoning)* |
| **Compare** | Provide a **description** or **explanation** of similarities and/or differences.  Notice that you have to describe or explain the differences and/or similarities. | Paragraph  Useful words: both, whereas  Never say A is \_\_\_ and B is not. You must elaborate on both A and B. |
| ***Prompt****:* Compare the theories of environmental determinism and possibilism.  ***Answer:***Both are philosophies that focus on human-environmental interaction and aim to explain the degree to which humans are shaped by their environment. Whereas environmental determinism asserts that developmental and cultural differences are attributable to differences in physical landscape, possibilism... |

**Always think the descriptions below to help answer your FRQ. How can you tie in these topics!?!?**

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| **Descriptor** | **Definition and Interpretation** | **Example** |
| **Social** | * Think cultural, language, ethnicity, religion, generational, societal norms, health, education * How is this trend/event/change affecting the ways in which people interact and live | “Explain one social consequence of suburbanization.” |
| **Political** | * Relating to the government, sovereignty, territoriality, states, nations, nation states, ect. * think governments, policies, parties, legislations, organizations, alliances | “Describe how political reforms have promoted democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa since the 1960s.” |
| **Economic** | * That which pertains to financial (monetary) value. Resource allocation and jobs are often the focus. * Think jobs, money, business, trade | “Explain two economic changes resulting from supranationalism in Europe.” |
| **Environmental** | * That which describes the natural world and the impact of human activity on its condition (or vice versa). * think anything physical earth, landforms, bodies of water, conservation, resources | “Identify and explain one environmental consequence of green energy technology.”  “Identify and explain one environmental consequence of climate change on human settlement patterns.” |
| **Demographic** | * Relating to the structure of human populations. * think population statistics like birth rate, ages, genders, population characteristic | “Explain the demographic changes that developing countries have been experiencing in recent decades.” |
| **Spatial** | * Describing the relationship or geographic features within a space or between multiple locations. * Think, pattern, scale (global, national local,) distance, direction, clustering, dispersed | “Explain the spatial arrangement of dairy farms in the northeastern United States.”  “Compare the spatial distribution of Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts in New Jersey.” |