**TYPES OF EVIDENCE (CDS) FOR FREE RESPONSE ESSAY QUESTION 3**

**FIRST HAND EVIDENCE**

* *Personal Experience*
* *Anecdotes (Others’ experiences/stories)*
* *Current Events*

**SECOND HAND EVIDENCE**

* *Expert Opinion*
* *Quantitative Data (numbers!)*
* *Historical Precedent*

**PITFALLS:**

1. Relying too heavily on personal experience as evidence; lacking variety in types of evidence
2. Writing generic, sweeping generalities rather than exploring and analyzing specific examples
3. Absence of a counterclaim

**PHRASES TO INTRODUCE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OR ANECDOTES AS EVIDENCE**

* “In my experience I have noticed that/felt that/observed that/learned that/been shocked by/been baffled by/been comforted by/etc.…”
* “By observing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert specific group), it is clear that…”

**PHRASES TO INTRODUCE CURRENT EVENTS AS EVIDENCE**

* “Current headlines regarding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert current event or issue) seem to suggest a feeling of/a love for/a concern with/a passion for/a fear of/a need for/an obsession with/**etc**.…”
* “Current headlines regarding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert current event or issue) help us predict that…”
* “Current headlines regarding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert current event or issue) prove that…”
* “Current headlines regarding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert current event or issue) help us predict that…”

**PHRASES TO INTRODUCE EDUCATED GUESSES AS “QUANTITATIVE EVIDENCE” OR “EXPERT OPINION” IF YOU DON’T ACTUALLY KNOW OF ANY REAL STUDIES OR EXPERT OPINIONS ☺**

* “It seems reasonable to assume that…”
* “No doubt if one were to take a survey on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, one would find that…”
* “It seems logical that…”
* “Studies done on this subject would most likely reveal…”
* “Most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert experts) would probably agree that…”

**PHRASES TO INTRODUCE HISTORICAL EVIDENCE**

* “The history of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert specific historical event or era) supports the idea that…”
* “The history of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert specific historical event or era) helps us predict that…”
* “Historically, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert specific historical event or era) proves that…”
* “Historically, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert specific historical event or era) suggests suggest a feeling of/a love for/a concern with/a passion for/a fear of/a need for/an obsession with/**etc**.…”
* “Historically, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert specific historical event or era) indicates a trend toward (or pattern of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(fill in conclusion).
* “History teaches us that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(fill in lesson learned).

**PRACTICE TIME!**

**FOR EACH TYPE OF EVIDENCE, WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES AFTER THE SAMPLE SENTENCES PROVIDED BELOW. NOTICE THE USE OF COMMENTARY VERBS (CVs), PEOPLE!**

*Sample Personal Experience Evidence: “In my experience I have been concerned with the amount of homework teachers assign that seems pointless and irrelevant.”*

**Your sentence:**

*Sample Anecdotal Evidence: “By observing teachers over the years, it is clear that tardiness and late work are extremely annoying to them because it shows a lack of respect for class time and an apathy toward learning.*

**Your sentence:**

*Sample Current Events Evidence: “Current headlines regarding student responses to recent school shootings seem to suggest a feeling of outrage and urgency in changing current gun legislation and improving school safety to prevent more shootings from happening.”*

**Your sentence:**

*Sample Expert Opinion Evidence: “Most pediatricians would probably support requiring physical education classes in elementary schools through high schools.”*

**Your sentence:**

*Sample Quantitative Data Evidence: “No doubt if one were to take a survey on legalizing medical marijuana, one would find that the majority of teenagers and young adults would most likely support such legislation.”*

**Your sentence:**

*Sample Historical Precedent Evidence: “The history of genocide helps us predict that it will continue to be a bloody scourge across the world, requiring resources, funds, and military support to prevent and/or combat.”*

**Your sentence:**

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