

EXERCISE #1

Objective: To define the crucial role of the thesis statement in a DBQ and enable students to make some initial judgments about the quality of a group of sample thesis statements.

Select the best thesis statement below to the following question:

- Analyze the origins of Absolutism and discuss the criticism of absolutism
1. The purpose of this essay is to discuss the role of the monarch and the legitimacy of absolute power.
 2. Absolute monarchs were viewed negatively by their subjects.
 3. Was absolutism a positive way to rule?
 4. Absolutism was supported by the monarchs based on the divine right theory, but others who did not benefit and who were denied basic civil liberties were against this form of government.
 5. Divine right of kings was a successful theory that maintained the power of many monarchs in Europe.
 6. Absolutism was viewed differently by different people.

Student Choice: # _____

WHY?
