Doing a History Essay

(JH style)

1 Use a burger style! Intro Bun, Filling One the question, The meat/vege pattie question 2, bottom bun the conclusion

2 Highlight or underline important words in the essay question

3 Do a thorough plan or brainstorm at least 5 minutes, 10-15 minutes is good.

4 Top bun- Intro Sentence 1-2 Establish setting- Who, what, where, and when. Maybe- The Great Terror under Joseph Stalin took place in the USSR between 1934-39

 Next sentence or 2 answer question 1 causes. If you need ideas for causes check the other links provided.

 Next sentence or 2 answer question 2 effects. If you need ideas for effects check the other links provided.

5 Filling Miss a line and indent first paragraph to distinguish this section from others. SEX paragraphs a good idea- Statement, explanation, example. Start with the most important cause factor ie.. indent- The most important factor in causing the Great Terror was the suicide of Nadiya, Stalin’s wife.

 Followed by the next paragraph- indent- Another cause of the Great Terror…..

 Spelling out in declining order of importance a paragraph for each factor.

 4-6 paragraphs for cause miss a line then start effect/consequences and do 4-6 paragraphs again.

6 Bottom Bun- Conclusion Skip line and indent

 Start with a summary sentence beginning with In conclusion or To conclude…. Followed by a sentence or 2 about the most important cause, like paranoia as seen in Nadiya’s death. And a sentence or two about the most important effect, like millions of lives lost.

 And

 The WOW factor finishing statement!! A concluding sentence with some POP, showing the significance of the Great Terror. Do not use the word “I” in your WOW factor sentence.

Good Luck!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!