

## **Common Core ELA Test - Part 2: Source-Based Argument (Essay)**

**Step 1** = Choose a position based on the “Topic” identified in the directions.

**Step 2** = Carefully read and annotate all four texts. Usually, the first two texts will be fairly balanced, while the second two texts will favor one side or the other.

**Step 3** = Write your source-based argument essay, using specific examples. Establish your claim (position) in your introduction. The test instructions will inform you to use evidence from three of the four texts. Be sure to include evidence from at least this many texts or your essay can score no higher than a 3 out of 6. Also note the text and line #'s (in parentheses) after direct quotes or information included from any of the texts.

Also, you MUST “distinguish your claim from alternate or opposing claims.” (See sample outline chart on next page).

**Claims (Pro's) vs. Alternate/Opposing Claims (Con's)  
INCLUDE TEXT & LINE #'s !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

List information from texts that supports your claim	List alternate or opposing claims from the texts