

**US History 7  
Thematic Essay  
7A: Friday, 12 Oct 2007  
7J: Thursday, 11 Oct 2007**

**Theme: Turning Points**

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| <p>a) Formation of the House of Burgesses in VA, 1619<br/> b) Mayflower Compact in Plymouth, 1620<br/> c) Massachusetts Bay General Court, 1629<br/> d) Religious Tolerance in RI under Roger Williams, 1636<br/> e) Fundamental Orders of CT in 1639</p> |
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*Turning points are major events in history that have led to lasting change.*

For [some selected number of] turning points:

- Describe the historical **circumstances** surrounding the turning point.
- Explain **how** the turning point **changed** the course of history.

**You should be prepared to answer all of these, but if time limits require, only several may be selected.**

**Preparing a Study Guide**

It is recommended that you make some sort of study guide to prepare. One good organizer you could make for this essay is a simple matrix like this sample:

<b>The Turning Point</b>	<b>Circumstances</b>	<b>How course of history was changed</b>
House of Burgesses	<i>They needed more colonists, so to encourage them to move to Jamestown; the Virginia Company set up a representative gov't... etc...</i>	
Mayflower Compact		
Massachusetts Bay General Court		<i>The MA Bay colony thrived under the leadership of Winthrop and his general Court. 15,000 Puritans migrated from 1629-1640. etc...</i>
Religious Tolerance in RI		
Fundamental Orders of CT		