

## Social Studies Department: Essay Sentence Stem Examples

### Focus Statement Stems

- “These are the times that try men’s souls.” Those words were written by Thomas Paine in the winter of 1776, at the low point of the American Revolution. (quote)
- Have you ever wondered who came up with the concept of the atom? It was the Ancient Greeks. (question)
- More Americans died in the Civil War than in all other U.S. conflicts combined. (strong statistic or fact)
- The number “1” or word “one” appears on a U.S. one dollar bill 19 times and the number 13 is represented a dozen different ways! (detail)
- President John F. Kennedy was assassinated by the U.S. Government! (powerful statement)

### Conclusion Stems

- The Earth will be destroyed by a meteor impact in the next 10 years! (prediction)
- Gandhi said, “You are the change you seek in the world.” (quote)
- I feel the U.S. Congress should immediately pass legislation banning the sale of bottled water. (recommendation)
- You’ve heard the candidates’ positions; now who will you vote for? (question)