**PERSIA+G S/T Model**

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| *As in math or science, there is also a helpful formula for the study of history.*

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| * **P**  Political (politicians, kings, laws, government, generals, military, issues, battles, wars, elections, political parties, Supreme Court cases, etc.)
* **E**  Economic (money, taxes, trade, jobs, land, unions, corporations, etc.)
* **R**  Religious (God, religious books, religious groups/movements, religious leaders, etc.)
* **S**  Social (food, living conditions, gender issues, friends, free time, family issues, moral issues, racial issues, sexual issues, etc.)
* **I**   Intellectual (ideas, thinkers, philosophers, books, education, etc.)
* **A** Artistic (poetry, art, music, literature, movies, paintings, photos, clothing, etc.)
* **G**  Geographic (Location of countries, topography, human/physical (rivers, soil, etc.) characteristics, movement of people/goods/ideas, relationship to regions, relationship of people to their environment, etc.)
* **S / T** Scientific / Technology (communication tools, transportation, construction, inventions, machines, etc.)

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| Sample Application: You are asked to describe Philadelphia, PA. Instead of blurting out "uh, a big city with...a....the Liberty Bell…” you plan before you write, breaking down a big idea into component parts, and then writing from that. * P largely Democratic Party controlled city; mayor and city council
* E highest rate of poverty for a major US city; also pockets of wealth
* R religiously diverse – Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhists, many non-religious, etc.
* S strong family ties; growing immigrant communities; many social activities from movies to sports to arts events
* I many universities; underfunded public school system; many private and parochial schools
* A Art museums; natural history and science museums; murals; concerts
* G Philadelphia Country, Commonwealth of PA, Mid Atlantic, US, North America, Northern Hemisphere
* S/T internet wired, public transportation, Center City high rises

**Sample paragraph:** Philadelphia, PA, is a large city in the Mid Atlantic region of the United States. It is known for its universities, museums, including art and science, murals and sports arenas. It is also known for a high level of poverty, with pockets of wealth, and an underfunded public school system. Simultaneously, communities are known for strong family ties with extended families often living in the same communities. Its population has increased with the influx of new immigrants. It is ethnically and religiously diverse with many churches, synagogues, mosques and temples. It has been controlled by the Democratic Party for over sixty years; the mayor and all but two city council members are part of the Democratic Party.  |

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