MTEL®-Flex History—Major Physical Features of the World & Effects of Geographic Factors on Human Societies (Objective 0014)

Objective 0014: Understand the major physical features of the world and the effects of geographic factors on the development of human societies.

Objective 0014 includes the following descriptive statements:

1. Shape, location, and relationships among major land masses;
2. Location of significant landforms and bodies of water;
3. Application of basic geographic terms and concepts (e.g., habitat, acculturation, ecosystem);
4. Characteristics and uses of basic geographic sources (e.g., atlases, almanacs);
5. The use of maps to obtain data for solving locational problems and to answer questions, infer relationships, and analyze spatial change;
6. The influence of geographic factors on patterns of human settlement, major historical events, and political, economic, social, and cultural developments (e.g., effect of geography on military conflicts, reasons for the location of cities, distribution of economic activities).

MTEL®-Flex enables you to demonstrate your functional content knowledge of the MTEL History test objectives through submitting materials on a topic that you select. Your submission will be evaluated on the extent to which you demonstrate the depth of your subject matter knowledge of the MTEL-Flex History test objective you selected during registration.

MTEL-Flex involves answering 4 prompts and writing an analysis in which you demonstrate your knowledge of the content assessed by the test objective and further elaborated by the descriptive statement(s) you have selected in relation to your stated topic.

Your responses to the first 4 prompts should be **no more than 1 single-spaced page** and your written analysis should be **no more than 3 single-spaced pages.** This instructions page does not count toward your page limits.

This template contains a [Prompt Section](#Prompts) and a [Written Analysis Section](#WrittenAnalysis). Once both sections are completed, upload the template to the Pearson ePortfolio System.

For more information about the MTEL-Flex Assessment, preparing your materials for submission, and scoring of your submission, refer to the MTEL-Flex Assessment Handbook.

Prompt Section

Respond to the prompts below (**no more than 1 page, including prompts**) by typing your responses in Arial 11-point, single-spaced font, within the brackets following each prompt. Do not delete or alter the prompts. Only the first page will be evaluated. The previous page of instructions and the written analysis that follows does not count toward your page limit. Your submission cannot contain hyperlinks to any materials.

1. Indicate the numbers of the descriptive statements for the test objective that you will address in your written submission.

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2. Indicate a content standard appropriate for fifth through twelfth grade found in the Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework – 2018 and/or an annotated primary source appropriate for fifth through twelfth grade suggested in Appendix D (pp. 201–217) of the Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework – 2018 to develop your topic and address the selected descriptive statements.

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3. Describe the topic addressed.

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4. List sources used to prepare submission.

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Written Analysis Section

Type your analysis (**no more than 3 pages, including the prompt**) in Arial 11-point, single-spaced font, within the brackets following the prompt. If appropriate, you may include tables, charts, graphs, or other diagrams that you have prepared by inserting them into your analysis. However, the total length of your analysis, including any graphic elements, may not exceed 3 pages. The previous pages of instructions and prompts do not count toward your page limit. Your submission cannot contain hyperlinks to any materials.

Prepare an organized, developed analysis on a topic related to Objective 0014.

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