



Sugar & The Great Global Convergence  
In-class writing (Tuesday 5/17)



How did the colonial sugar trade impact other industries and commodities?

Use the *documents provided* to explain and support your answer.



# Elements of a Strong Response

- ▶ Very clear, specific, and developed thesis (HOW, not just what).
- ▶ No introduction
- ▶ 2 (longer) or 3 (shorter) supporting paragraphs
- ▶ Begin each paragraph with a topic sentence that expresses an *idea*, rather than a fact or example.
- ▶ Use specific information from the documents as evidence for those *ideas*.
- ▶ After each piece of evidence, explain how it supports the *idea* in the topic sentence.
- ▶ Because this is timed, focus on SUBSTANCE over STYLE. Get to your points efficiently. Resist the temptation to provide extensive background. While you may include other knowledge beyond the documents, don't sacrifice analysis of the documents.