WHAP Historical Thinking Skills (HTS)

In addition to being able to identify SPICE themes on exams, every MCQ, SAQ, LEQ or DBQ will ask you to demonstrate one of 9 Historical Thinking Skills.

1. **Historical Causation** – Causes and Effects
2. **Patterns of Change and Continuity** – What changed and stayed the same over long periods? Why?
3. **Periodization** – Divide history into turning points and explain why
4. **Comparison** – How are things similar and different? Why?
5. **Contextualization** – Connect specific events to larger processes in the world
6. **Historical Argumentation** – Construct a claim and support it using evidence
7. **Use of Historic Evidence** – use evidence from many sources to support claims and draw conclusions
8. **Interpretation** – Analyze historic perspectives
9. **Synthesis** – make connections to other time periods, places, events or subjects