In your response you should do the following:

* State a relevant thesis that directly addresses all parts of the question.
* Support your argument with evidence, using specific examples.
* Apply historical thinking skills as directed by the question.
* Synthesize the elements above into a persuasive essay that extends your argument, connects it to a different historical context, or connects it to a different category of analysis.

Evaluate the extent to which Manifest Destiny in the mid-1800s contributed to maintaining continuity as well as fostering change in the United States’ desire to expand its borders and influence.

Evaluate the extent to which the Reconstruction Era (1865-1877) contributed to maintaining continuity as well as fostering change for African Americans in the South.