Talking like a Historian
Sentence Stems

Timelines/Chronology

- The timeline suggests…
- What/who came before/after…
- A concurrent event was…
- While _____was happening, _____was happening
- Before this event…
- After this event…

Cause and Consequences/Change and Continuity

- The most likely reason was
- An important factor was_____because…
- This demonstrates continuity because…
- The cause of this was…
- The effect of this was…

Sources and Evidence

- It is different because
- The source suggests that
- The source is important because
- All the sources are suggesting
- This source might be reliable because
- We can work out which source is more reliable by…
- The sources disagree about…because…
- Based on _____I can conclude that…
- I can infer that_____because I know that…

Interpretation Bias

- The person/event is described differently because…
- I think this source is trustworthy/untrustworthy because…
- I believe this to be true because…
- How do/can we possibly know who to believe?

Significance

- The most significant impact of _____was_____
- This historical figure is significant because…