Essay and Discussion Questions: Global Health

**Explain**
- Why is the world healthier than it ever has been before?
- What is a noncommunicable disease?
- Why are noncommunicable diseases a bigger problem now than they have been in the past?
- What factors affect how prevalent noncommunicable diseases are in a country?
- Why is universal health care an important goal for improving health?

**Analyze**
- Why is having the majority of global health funding come from the “two Washingtons” (the U.S. government and the Gates Foundation) potentially problematic?
- How is tackling the problem of noncommunicable diseases different from addressing infectious diseases?
- Compare and contrast the various health-care systems in the world. What advantages and disadvantages does each have?

**Evaluate**
- Is it feasible to strengthen the World Health Organization to help it better respond to future health crises?
- Which factor or factors do you think was most important in attracting attention and resources to the AIDS crisis?
- How well prepared for a major disease outbreak is the world? In what ways could preparedness be improved?