**Background:** Otzi is a well-preserved natural mummy. On September 19, 1991 two German tourists climbing in the Ötztal Alps, near the border between Austria and Italy discovered a frozen body emerging from the glacier. This frozen body would become known as the Iceman and be one of the most exciting scientific discoveries of its time.

**Standard:** HSS 6.3, RL.6.1, RI.6.1

**Prompt:**

Write a 4 paragraph open response where you describe the cause of Otzi the Iceman’s death.

Tasks:

1. Write an introduction in which you introduce who Otzi the Iceman was. End paragraph with a thesis statement/your inference that tells reader the point of your essay.
2. Write a body paragraph that supports your inference of the cause of Otzi’s death. Include supporting explanations of that evidence.
3. Write a 2nd body paragraph that provides a second piece of evidence that supports your inference of Otzi’s death. Include supporting explanations of that evidence.
4. Write a conclusion where you restate the thesis statement. Add any additional insight, historical significance of the issue or connections to the present.