

DOCUMENT BASED QUESTION (DBQ) ESSAY GRADING RUBRIC

| | Points Possible |
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| BASIC CORE (competence) (Historical skills and knowledge required to show competence) | 0-7 Points |
| 1. Has acceptable thesis | 1 Point |
| 2. Understands the basic meaning of documents (May misinterpret one document) | 1 Point |
| 3. Supports thesis with appropriate evidence from all or all but one document | 2 Points |
| (Supports thesis with appropriate evidence from all but two documents) | (1 Point) |
| 4. Analyzes point of view in at least two documents | 1 Point |
| 5. Analyzes documents by grouping them in two or three ways, depending on the question | 1 Point |
| 6. Identifies and explains the need for one type of appropriate additional document or source | 1 Point |
| Subtotal | /7 Points |
| EXPANDED CORE (excellence) (Historical skills and knowledge required to show excellence) Expands beyond basic core of 1-7 points. A student must earn 7 points in the basic core area before earning points in the expanded core area. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis • Shows careful and insightful analysis of the documents • Uses documents persuasively as evidence • Analyzes point of view in most or all documents • Analyzes the documents in additional ways—groupings, comparisons, syntheses • Brings in relevant “outside” historical content • Explains why additional types of document(s) or sources are needed | 0-2 Points |
| Subtotal | /2 Points |
| TOTAL | /9 Points |