

**AP WORLD HISTORY**  
**DBQ RUBRIC**

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RUBRIC ELEMENT	POINTS
<p><b>A. THESIS (1 point)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has a historically defensible <b>THESIS</b> that directly addresses “<b>all parts of</b>” the question/prompt</li> </ul> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> No Thesis    <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work/Too General    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, In Conclusion    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes         </p>	<p>____/1</p>
<p><b>B. CONTEXTUALIZATION (1 point)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Contextualization:</b> Situates the argument by explaining the broader historical events, developments, or processes immediately relevant to the question.</li> <li>Do this in 3-4 <b>FACT RICH</b> sentences! <i>Can't count this as Evidence Beyond the Documents!</i></li> </ul> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> No Evidence    <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work/Too Vague    <input type="checkbox"/> Almost/Needs Connection    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes         </p>	<p>____/1</p>
<p><b>C. EVIDENCE (3 points)</b></p> <p><b>1. Evidence from the documents:</b> Utilizes the content of <b>at least three</b> documents to address the topic of the prompt</p> <p>USED Content of:                    1.____ 2.____ 3.____ 4.____ 5.____ 6.____ 7.____</p>	<p>____/1</p>
<p><b>2. Evidence from the documents:</b> Utilizes the content of <b>at least six</b> of the documents to <b>support an argument</b> in response to the prompt (1 point)</p> <p>ANALYZED Content of:            1.____ 2.____ 3.____ 4.____ 5.____ 6.____ 7.____</p>	<p>____/1</p>
<p><b>3. Evidence beyond the documents:</b> Uses at least one additional piece of <b>specific</b> historical evidence (beyond that found in the documents) relevant to an argument about the prompt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This should be 1-2 sentences</li> <li><i>(Cannot count this as contextualization – must be different)</i></li> </ul> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> No Evidence    <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work/1 phrase/reference    <input type="checkbox"/> Almost/Needs Connection  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes         </p>	<p>____/1</p>
<p><b>D. ANALYSIS AND REASONING (2 Points)</b></p> <p><b>1. Sourcing:</b> Explains how or why one of the following is relevant to the argument about the prompt for <b>at least 3</b> documents: Historical Situation, Audience, Point of View, or Purpose. In order to get the point, it must include <b>WHY</b> the above matters.</p> <p><i>Possibilities:</i> Hist. Sit/Audience/Purpose/POV: 1.____ 2.____ 3.____ 4.____ 5.____ 6.____ 7.____</p>	<p>____/1</p>
<p><b>2. Complex Argument:</b> Demonstrates a complex understanding of history, <i>focusing on the prompt</i>. Uses evidence to <b>corroborate, qualify, or modify</b> an argument that addresses the prompt. <i>Topic sentences, concluding sentences, the argument is fully connected through the paper.</i></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> No Evidence    <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Work    <input type="checkbox"/> Almost    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes         </p>	<p>____/1</p>

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