

**CONTINUITY AND CHANGE OVER TIME (CCOT)**  
**RUBRIC ESSAY**

**GRADING MATRIX:**

**CLEAR BUT BRIEF OUTLINE-** Phrases or bullets (graphic organizer) 5 pts  
Venn diagram is best

**THESIS PARAGRAPH-** States and summarizes minimum 2 continuities and 2 changes over time

First paragraph, with time period or dates included  
Clearly and accurately summarizes BOTH changes and continuities  
Does NOT just restate the question 15pts

**BODY OF ESSAY:**

**EXPLAINS BOTH THE CHANGES AND CONTINUITIES**

Each change and continuity is a separate paragraph  
Explains WHY, not just what 10pts

**THESIS SUPPORTED WITH MINIMUM OF 8 SPECIFIC HISTORICAL EVIDENCE EVENTS.**

People, patterns, processes, technology, interactions, data, etc.  
At least 2 pieces of evidence for each change and continuity 10pts

**GLOBAL HISTORICAL CONTEXT:** effectively explains change over time OR continuity over time; separate paragraph

Comparisons to other regions, societies, economies, etc. OR  
Connections to global processes OR  
Interactions among two or more regions 5 pts

**WRITING**

Spelling, capitalization, punctuation  
Sentence and paragraph structure  
Clear, concise writing style (avoid wordiness)  
NEAT enough to read easily 5pts

**TOTAL 50 PTS**