

DOCUMENT-BASED QUESTION (DBQ)
RUBRIC ESSAY

GRADING MATRIX:

ANALYZES DOCUMENTS by grouping them in at least 3 WAYS (by what they have in common-portrays patterns)
Uses ALL documents 10pts

THESIS PARAGRAPH- Specifically answers question, using documents for support.
First paragraph, with time period or dates included
Cites supporting documents for each issue (ie. doc. 2, 3, etc)
Does NOT just restate the question 5pts

BODY OF ESSAY:

EXPLAINS HOW EACH GROUPING SUPPORTS THESIS
Paragraph for each grouping (3 total)
How it relates directly to the thesis; quote content 15pts

ANALYSIS/EXPLANATION OF POINT OF VIEW OF MINIMUM 2 DOCUMENTS
What may have influenced or informed the AUTHOR'S opinion or point of view
Author characteristics, purpose of document, tone of writing, time period
May be incorporated into grouping paragraphs (please underline the point of view perspective) or can be a separate paragraph 10pts

ONE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENT to better answer or assess the question
Not specific, historical document, but one TYPE of additional, useful document
Explains WHY the document will better support the answer to the thesis
Fills in gaps in important information or opinions 5pts

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

TOTAL 50 PTS