IB HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS RESEARCH PAPER
RUBRIC (REVISED)

GRADING MATRIX:

THESIS PARAGRAPH- States and summarizes minimum 4 elements that support thesis to be detailed in body of the paper
  First paragraph, with time period or dates included
  Restates essential question and frames how the question will be answered in the body of the paper. 10 pts

BODY OF PAPER

CLEAR, LOGICAL, HISTORICALLY ACCURATE EXPLANATION and ANALYSIS of minimum of 4 elements.
  Explains WHY, not just what 25 pts

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 element 25 pts

PRIMARY SOURCE DOCUMENT: Be sure that the primary source document is connected to either one of the four elements and/or 6 historical events.
  Make sure to explicity have the origin/purpose/value/limitation within your discussion and make sure it is in paragraph form. 10 pts

CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH- Summarizes key findings from body of the essay and connects the essay to additional historical context 10 pts

WRITING
  Spelling, capitalization, punctuation
  Sentence and paragraph structure
  Clear, concise writing style (avoid wordiness)
  NEAT enough to read easily 10 pts

BIBLIOGRAPHY
  Correct formatting with MLA format (http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/)
  Minimum of 4 valid resources (No Wikipedia) 5 pts

1500-2000 WORDS 5 pts

TOTAL 100 PTS