

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 explicitly 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

