

2019 IB HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS RESEARCH PAPER RUBRIC

OPENING PARAGRAPH- Puts the research paper in historical context; i.e. what led up to the situation put forth in the paper

First paragraph, with time period or dates included

States essential question/ thesis and frames how the question/thesis 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- Current and/or future impact of historical event on either political/social/cultural/economic/environmental situation

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)

Minimum one source from Sandia databases (highlight)

Minimum one actual book (hardcopy or paperback) (highlight)

5 pts

1500-2000 WORDS

5 pts

TOTAL 100 PTS

