

APUSH DBQ Rubric

Name: _____

Essay topic: _____

	0 points	1point	2 points	3 points
Thesis (0-1 pts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thesis does not address all parts of the question Thesis simply restates the question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thesis addresses all parts of the question Thesis sets up the argument Thesis addresses the targeted skill 		
Analysis of historical evidence & support of argument (0-3 pts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only describes or paraphrases documents (inadequate analysis) May use <4 documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzes 4+ documents to support or prove argument/thesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzes content of 4+ documents to support or prove argument/thesis <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does <u>one</u> of the following for 4+ documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Historical context ✓ Audience ✓ Purpose ✓ Point of View 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzes content of 6+ documents to support or prove thesis/argument <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does <u>one</u> of the following for 6+ documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Historical context ✓ Audience ✓ Purpose ✓ Point of View
Outside Evidence (0-1 pt)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not include any outside evidence Has outside evidence but does not use it to advance the argument of the essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses substantial outside information to support or prove thesis/argument 		
Context (0-1 pt)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has only limited connections between the question and the time period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accurately and explicitly works the essay into the larger story of the United States <u>within</u> this time period Makes links between some of the documents (topical, chronological) 		

Synthesis (0-1 pt)	Response synthesizes the argument, evidence, analysis of documents, and context into a coherent and persuasive essay by accomplishing ONE or more of the following as relevant to the question.		
	You can get <u>up to ONE point</u> for demonstrating <u>1+</u> of the following skills.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriately extends or modifies the stated thesis or argument (ex. Provides a counter argument) 	OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effectively integrates contradictory evidence from docs in crafting a coherent argument
		OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriately connects question to <u>other</u> historical periods, geographical areas, contexts or circumstances (you understand the bigger picture)

Teacher Comments:

Your score: _____