AP World Generic DBQ Rubric

Basic Core Historical skills and knowledge required to show competence.		Expanded Core Historical skills and knowledge required to show excellence.
1. Has acceptable thesis. (RED)	1 Point	Expands beyond basic core of 1-7 Points. The basic core of a 0-2 Points
Understands the basic meaning of all documents. (may misinterpret one document)	1 Point	score of 7 must be achieved before a student can earn expanded core points.
3. Supports thesis with appropriate evidence from all documents. (Supports thesis with appropriate evidence from all but 1 document) (Compared to the support of the suppor	2 Points (1) GREEN)	 Examples: Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis. Shows careful and insightful analysis of the documents.
Analyzes point of view in at least three documents. (PURPLE)	1 Point	 Uses documents persuasively as evidence. Analyzes point of view in most or all documents.
5. Analyzes documents by grouping them in at least 3 ways, depending on the question. (BLUE)	1 Point	 Analyzes the documents in additional ways – groupings, comparisons, syntheses. Explains why additional types of document(s) or sources are needed.
6. Identifies and explains the need for one type of appropriate additional document or source. (ORANGE)	1 Point	
Subtotal	7 Points	Subtotal 2 Points

TOTAL 9 Points

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AP World History Comparative Essay Generic Rubric Overview

Basic Core Historical skills and knowledge required to show competence.		Expanded Core Historical skills and knowledge required to show excellence.
Has acceptable thesis. (addresses comparison of the issues or themes specified) (RED)	1 Point	Expands beyond basic core of 1-7 Points. The basic core of a 0-2 Points score of 7 must be achieved before a student can earn expanded
2. Addresses all parts of the of the question, though not necessarily evenly or thoroughly. (G (Addresses most parts of the question: for example, deals with	2 Points REEN) (1)	core points. Examples: Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis Addresses all parts of the question (as
differences but not similarities) 3. Substantiates thesis with appropriate evidence. (BLUE) (Partially substantiates thesis with appropriate evidence.)	2 Points (1)	relevant): comparisons, chronology, causation, connections, themes, interactions, content. Provides ample historical evidence to substantiate thesis. Relates comparisons to larger global context. Makes several direct comparisons
Makes at least three relevant, direct comparisons between or among societies. (PINK)	1 Point	consistently between or among societies. Consistently analyzes the causes and effects of relevant similarities and differences.
5. Analyzes at least three reasons for a similarity or difference identified in a direct comparison. (O	1 Point RANGE)	
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AP World History Change Over Time Essay Generic Rubric

Basic Core		Expanded Core
Historical skills and knowledge required to show		Historical skills and knowledge required to show
competence.		excellence.
Has acceptable thesis. (addresses the global issues and the time period specified) (RED) Addresses all parts of the	1 Point 2 Points	Expands beyond basic core of 1-7 Points. The basic core of a 0-2 Points score of 7 must be achieved before a student can earn expanded
2. Addresses all parts of the of the question, though not	2 Points	core points.
necessarily evenly or thoroughly. (G	REEN)	Examples: Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive
(Addresses most parts of the question: for example, addresses change but not continuity)	(1)	thesis Analyzes all issues of the question (as relevant): global context, chronology, causation, change, continuity, effects,
3. Substantiates thesis with appropriate evidence. (BLUE)	2 Points	content. Addresses all parts of the question evenly. Provides ample historical evidence to
(Partially substantiates thesis with appropriate evidence.)	(1)	substantiate thesis.Provides links with relevant ideas, events, and trends in an innovative way.
4. Uses relevant world historical context effectively to explain change over time and/or continuity.	1 Point (PINK)	
5. Analyzes the process of change over time and continuity. (tell why things are continuous and why changes have occurred) (C	1 Point DRANGE)	
Subtotal	7 Points	Subtotal 2 Points

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