DBQ Rubric (College Board)

**Rubric**

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| 8-9 | * Contains a well-developed thesis that addresses all aspects of the question
* Effectively uses a substantial number of documents
* Supports thesis with substantial and relevant outside information
* Presents detailed and sophisticated analysis of all aspects of the question
* Is clearly organized and well-written
* Few mechanical or factual errors
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| 5-7 | * Contains a thesis that addresses some aspects of the question
* Uses some documents effectively
* Supports thesis with some outside information
* Has some analysis of some aspects of the questions
* Has adequate organization and writing
* May contain some factual errors that do not seriously detract from the essay
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| 2-4 | * Contains a limited, confused, and/or poorly developed thesis
* Takes descriptive rather than analytical approach to the question
* Quotes or briefly cites some documents
* Contains little outside information, or information that is generally inaccurate or irrelevant
* Has major organizational problems
* May contain major factual errors
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| 0-1 | * Confused and/or poorly developed introductory paragraph; no thesis or a thesis that does not address the question
* Exhibits inadequate or inaccurate understanding of the question
* Contains little or no understanding of the documents or ignores them completely
* Is so poorly written or organized, that it inhibits understanding
* Contains numerous mechanical and factual errors -- both major and minor
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