DBQ Rubric (College Board)

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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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |