

**Scoring Rubric
Document-Based Question (DBQ)**

Score of 5:

- ?? Thoroughly addresses all aspects of the **Task** by accurately analyzing and interpreting at least two documents
- ?? Incorporates information from the documents in the body of the essay
- ?? Incorporates relevant outside information
- ?? Richly supports the theme or problem with relevant facts, examples, and details
- ?? Is a well-developed essay, consistently demonstrating a logical and clear plan of organization
- ?? Introduces the theme or problem by establishing a framework that is beyond a simple restatement of the *Task* or *Historical Context* and concludes with a summation of the theme or problem

Score of 4:

- ?? Addresses all aspects of the **Task** by accurately analyzing and interpreting at least two documents
- ?? Incorporates information from the documents in the body of the essay
- ?? Incorporates relevant outside information
- ?? Includes relevant facts, examples, and details, but discussion may be more descriptive than analytical
- ?? Is a well-developed essay, demonstrating a logical and clear plan of organization
- ?? Introduces the theme or problem by establishing a framework that is beyond a simple restatement of the **Task** or **Historical Context** and concludes with a summation of the theme or problem

Score of 3:

- ?? Addresses most aspects of the **Task** or addresses all aspects of the **Task** in a limited way, using some of the documents
- ?? Incorporates some information from the documents in the body of the essay
- ?? Incorporates limited or no relevant outside information
- ?? Includes some facts, examples, and details, but discussion is more descriptive than analytical
- ?? Is a satisfactorily developed essay, demonstrating a general plan of organization
- ?? Introduces the theme or problem by repeating the **Task** or **Historical Context** and concludes by simply repeating the theme or problem

Score of 2:

- ?? Attempts to address some aspects of the **Task**, making limited use of the documents
- ?? Presents no relevant outside information
- ?? Includes few facts, examples, and details; discussion restates contents of the documents
- ?? Is a poorly organized essay, lacking focus
- ?? Fails to introduce or summarize the theme or problem

Score of 1:

- ?? Shows limited understanding of the **Task** with vague, unclear references to the documents
- ?? Presents no relevant outside information
- ?? Includes little or no accurate or relevant facts, details, or examples
- ?? Attempts to complete the **Task**, but demonstrates a major weakness in organization
- ?? Fails to introduce or summarize the theme or problem

Score of 0: Fails to address the **Task**, is illegible, or is a blank paper Fails to address the **Task**, is illegible, or is a blank paper