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## DBQ ESSAY SCORING GUIDE

### Introduction & Thesis

Includes a thesis that addresses *part* of the question. Merely restates the question. **[1 POINT]**

Includes a thesis that directly addresses *all* parts of the question. The thesis must do more than restate the question. **[2 POINTS]**

### Contextualization/Periodization

Describes the country/culture/religion/society/etc. at the time. In other words, what was going on in the world and the area when the event happened? **[1 POINT]**

Describes the country/culture/religion/society/etc. at the time *providing specific examples* for illustration. **[2 POINTS]**

### Support for Argument

Supports the stated thesis (or makes a relevant argument) using specific evidence both primary and secondary. **[1 POINT]**

Supports the stated thesis (or makes a relevant argument) using specific evidence, clearly and consistently stating how the evidence supports the thesis or argument, and establishing solid connections (links) between the evidence and the thesis or argument. **[2 POINTS]**

### Citation of Evidence

All evidence is properly cited within the body of the essay. With DBQ's, this can be done in several ways:

-“Document 1 states...”

-“...the answer to all questions” (Doc 3).

-“The letter from Jefferson in March 1774 indicated...”

Use the last method in citing primary or secondary sources on non-DBQ essays. **[2 POINTS]**

### Counter-Argument

Presents counter-arguments (anti-thesis) but doesn't support. **[1 POINT]**

Presents counter-arguments (anti-thesis) and provides specific examples for support.

**[2 POINTS]**

### Conclusion & Synthesis

Repeats thesis statement verbatim and summarizes arguments. **[1 POINT]**

Restates thesis, summarizes arguments, and connects the topic of the question to other historical periods, geographic areas, or contexts. **[2 POINTS]**

### Grading Scale

11-12 = 4 (A)

8-10 = 3 (B)

5-7 = 2 (C)

4- = 1 (D)

Your Points: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Score: 1 2 3 4