

AP RUBRICS

AP History Document-Based Question (DBQ) Rubric (US History / World History / European History)

Grades 9-12

7 points total

4 criteria

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How it is scored

CRITERION	POINTS	LEVELS
Thesis/Claim	1	2
Contextualization	1	2
Evidence	3	4
Analysis and Reasoning	2	3
Total	7	

What each criterion measures

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- **Thesis/Claim** is worth 1 of the 7 points, scored across 2 levels.
- **Contextualization** is worth 1 of the 7 points, scored across 2 levels.
- **Evidence** is worth 3 of the 7 points, scored across 4 levels.
- **Analysis and Reasoning** is worth 2 of the 7 points, scored across 3 levels.

Scoring record

Student	Assignment	Date
CRITERION	SCORE	COMMENTS
Thesis/Claim	/ 1	
Contextualization	/ 1	
Evidence	/ 3	
Analysis and Reasoning	/ 2	
Total	/ 7	

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