

## **DBQ ESSAY RUBRIC**

### **AP US HISTORY**

**This is the same rubric used by College Board to grade your AP exam essays. Follow the grading sheet on the reverse side to determine your point grade.**

- 8-9**
- strong thesis; consistent throughout essay
  - depthful use of most documents
  - excellent depth of analysis
  - historically accurate w/plentiful support
  - use of strong vocabulary and writing skills
  - good spelling, grammar, etc.
- 5-7**
- fairly good thesis and consistent through essay
  - thesis may be a bit confused
  - weaker depth of analysis
  - fairly good use of most documents
  - may only address part of question or address the question vaguely
  - weaker spelling, grammar; writing problems
- 2-4**
- weak, brief thesis or lacks thesis relating to question
  - little to no analysis in the essay
  - briefly mentions documents with little to no analysis
  - does not address question or gives simplistic argument
  - essay lacks structure, other writing errors
  - poor spelling and grammar
- 0-1**
- no thesis in essay
  - completely off topic
  - doesn't meet basic requirements of essay
  - lacks historical understanding