

DBQ Essay Rubric - Summative

Student Name: _____ Block _____

CATEGORY	2	3	4	5
Thesis	Fails to address the task; confusing and unfocused	Addressed the task but has weak structure and focus	Thesis stated addresses the task in a well written fashion	Strong thesis-responds directly to the question
Use of Documents	Fails to use documents correctly; simply paraphrased or misunderstood	Uses most documents correctly-simplistic analysis; does not always weigh the importance or validity of the evidence	Uses documents correctly; recognizes that all evidence is not equally valid	Uses documents completely and accurately; weighs the importance and validity of evidence
Outside Information	Includes no relevant information from beyond the documents	Includes little/irrelevant information from outside learning	Uses some relevant information from outside learning	Uses considerable relevant information from outside learning
Use of introduction/conclusion	Does not use opening or concluding statements	Uses an unorganized/irrelevant introduction and concluding paragraph	Includes a good introduction and conclusion	Uses strong introduction and conclusion
Organization	Disorganized; littered with errors in standard English	Weaker organization; some errors in writing detract from the essay's meaning	Clearly written and coherent; some minor error in writing	Well structured, well written; proper spelling, grammar, and mechanics

Comments: _____