

DBQ Essay Scoring Guide
(with point values)

Comments:

Big Picture Organization _____/5

- _____ (2) Intro, Body Paragraphs, Conclusion
- _____ (1) Paragraphs address one analytical category
- _____ (1) Paragraph sequence logical, consistent with roadmap
- _____ (1) Transitions between paragraphs

Intro _____/20

- _____ (1) Grabber
- _____ (3) Background (time, place, story)
- _____ (2) Restatement of Question / Definition of Terms
- _____ (10) Thesis / Claim
- _____ (4) Roadmap

Body Paragraph 1 _____/20

- _____ (5) Baby Thesis / Sub-Claim
- _____ (7) Evidence
- _____ (7) Argument
- _____ (1) Citation

Body Paragraph 2 _____/20

- _____ (5) Baby Thesis / Sub-Claim
- _____ (7) Evidence
- _____ (7) Argument
- _____ (1) Citation

Body Paragraph 3 _____/20

- _____ (5) Baby Thesis / Sub-Claim
- _____ (7) Evidence
- _____ (7) Argument
- _____ (1) Citation

Conclusion _____/10

- _____ (5) Restatement of Thesis / Claim and main arguments
- _____ (5) Clinches argument

Mechanics & Conventions _____/5

- _____ (2) Mechanics, grammar, spelling
- _____ (2) Maintains formal tone
- _____ (1) Use of precise and varied language

Total: _____/100

*if more than 3 body paragraphs, add 20 points
per additional body paragraph

Grade:

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