

Document-Based Question Scoring Guide

Basic Core (0-7 points)

Historical and literary skills required to show competence

1. Has a clear, analytical and comprehensive thesis with a strong argument and framework that organizes the paper. 1pt
2. Shows careful and insightful analysis of ALL the documents.
(May misinterpret one document) 1pt
3. Supports thesis with appropriate evidence from all of the documents. Grammar and language used enhances the argument.
(Supports thesis with appropriate evidence from all but one of the documents OR uses poor grammar and language -1pt) 2pts
4. Analyzes bias and point of view in all of the documents. Grammar and language used enhances the argument. 1pt
5. analyzes documents by grouping them in as many appropriate ways as necessary to prove the thesis, depending on the question. Grammar and language used enhances the argument.
*(AP requires at least three ways) 1pt
6. Identifies an explains the need for as many types of appropriate additional documents or sources as necessary to prove the thesis. grammar and language used enhances the argument.
*(AP requires at least two additional documents) 1pt

Expanded Core (excellence)

0-2pts

Historical and Literary skills required to show excellence

Expands beyond basic core of 1-7 points. A student must earn all 7 points in the basic core area before earning points in the expanded core area.

Examples:

- Shows careful and insightful analysis of the documents
- Uses documents persuasively as evidence
- Analyzes point of view in most or all documents
- Analyzes the documents in additional ways- groupings, comparisons, syntheses
- Brings in relevant “outside” historical content
- Explains why additional types of documents or sources are needed