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| **AP – United States History**  **DBQ – Rubric (FALL 2018)** | |
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| PART A  Thesis  (0-1 point) | * Responds to the prompt with a historically defensible thesis/claim that establishes a line of reasoning. | * To earn this point, the Thesis must make a claim that responds to the prompt rather than restating or rephrasing the prompt. The Thesis must consist of one or more sentences located in one place, either in the introduction or the conclusion |  | **Points**  \_\_\_\_ |
| PART B  Contextualization  (0-1 points) | * Describes a broader historical context relevant to the prompt. | * To earn this point, the response must relate the topic of the prompt to broader historical events, developments, or processes that occur before, during, or continue after the time frame of the question. This point is not awarded for merely a phrase or reference. |  | **Points**  \_\_\_\_ |
| PART C  Evidence   (0-3 points) | **Evidence from the Documents**   * Uses the content of at least **three** documents to address the topic of the prompt.   **(1 point)**   * Supports an argument in response to the prompt using at least **six** documents.   **(2 points)**  **Evidence beyond the Documents**   * Uses at least ONE additional piece of the specific historical evidence (beyond that found in the documents) relevant to an argument.   **(1 point)** | * To earn this point, the response must accurately describe—rather than simply quote—the context form at least THREE documents. * To earn two points, the response must accurately describe—rather than simply quote—the context form at least SIX documents. * In addition, the response must use the content of the documents to support an argument in response to the prompt. |  | **Points**  \_\_\_\_ |
| PART D  Analysis & Reasoning  (0-2 points) | * For at least **three** documents, explains how or why the document’s point-of-view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience is relevant to an argument.   **(1 point)**   * Demonstrates a complex understanding of the historical development that is the focus of the prompt, using evidence to corroborate, qualify, or modify an argument that addresses the question.   **(1 point)** | * To earn this point, the response must explain how or why—rather than simply quote—is relevant to an argument about the prompt for each of the THREE documents sourced. * A response may demonstrate a complex understanding in a variety of ways such as:  1. Explaining nuance of an issue analyzing multiple variable. 2. Explaining both similarity and difference, or explaining both continuity and change, or explaining multiple causes, or explaining both cause and effect. 3. Explaining relevant and insightful connections within and across periods. 4. Confirming the validity of an argument by corroborating multiple perspectives across themes. 5. Qualifying or modifying an argument by considering diverse or alternative views or evidence.  * This understanding must be part of the argument not merely a phrase or reference. |  | **Points**  \_\_\_\_ |

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| **DBQ Score** | **Grade** |
| **7** | 90-100 |
| **6** | 85-90 |
| **5** | 80-85 |
| **4** | 70-79 |
| **3** | 60-69 |
| **2** | 50-59 |
| **1** | 0-49 |

**Teacher Comments: Your score: \_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_**