

Generic Core-Scoring Guide for AP World History DBQ's (Document Based Question)

Basic Core Competence	Points	Expanded Core Excellence	Points
1. Has acceptable thesis.	1	Expands beyond basic core of 1-7 points. A student must earn 7 points in the Basic Core area before earning points in the Expanded Core area. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis. • Shows careful and insightful analysis of the documents. • Uses documents persuasively as evidence. • Brings in relevant “outside” historical content. • Analyzes point of view in most or all documents. • Analyzes the documents in additional ways—groupings, comparisons, synthesis. • Explain why additional types of document(s) or sources are needed. 	0-2
2. Addresses all of the documents and demonstrates understanding of all or all but one.	1		
3. Supports thesis with appropriate evidence from all documents. (Supports thesis with appropriate evidence from all but one document.)	2 (1)		
4. Analyzes points of view in at least three documents.	1		
5. Analyzes documents by grouping them in three or more ways	1		
6. Identifies and explains the need for one type of appropriate additional document or source.	1		
Subtotal	7	Subtotal	2
Total 9			