

### AP US History Essay Rubric

<b>9 - 11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has a clear well-developed thesis that “answers” the prompt and which guides the essay throughout.</li><li>• Demonstrates understanding of the complexity of the topic.</li><li>• If a DBQ question - effectively uses all or a substantial number of documents and interprets them correctly and or uses many accurate facts and details from the time period.</li><li>• Effectively analyzes, interprets, and makes inferences from the information.</li><li>• Supports thesis with substantial relevant outside information and interprets the information correctly.</li><li>• May contain insignificant errors that do not hinder argument or organization.</li></ul>
<b>5 - 8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has a thesis which addresses the essay prompt.</li><li>• Clearly explains the differences or similarities of the issue; some imbalance is acceptable.</li><li>• If a DBQ question - effectively uses some of the documents and or uses some detail to support interpretation.</li><li>• Includes some outside information with little or superficial interpretation.</li><li>• May contain minor errors that do not interfere with comprehension.</li></ul>
<b>2 - 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has a limited, confused, poorly developed thesis, may restate the prompt, and has weak organization and writing.</li><li>• Describes differences or similarities in a general or simplistic manner; may cover only part of the topic.</li><li>• If a DBQ question - ineffectively uses documents: briefly cites or quotes documents in a “laundry list”, interprets documents or outside information incorrectly, simply mentions facts without interpretation.</li><li>• Contains little outside information or contains information that is irrelevant or inaccurate.</li><li>• May contain major factual errors.</li></ul>
<b>0 - 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has no thesis or a thesis that does not address the topic.</li><li>• Shows inadequate or inaccurate understanding of the question.</li><li>• If a DBQ question - contains little or no understanding of the documents or ignores them completely.</li><li>• Contains inappropriate or no outside information.</li><li>• Includes numerous factual errors, both major and minor.</li></ul>

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<b>11</b>	100%	50 pts.
<b>10</b>	96%	48 pts.
<b>9</b>	92%	46 pts
<b>8</b>	88%	44 pts
<b>7</b>	84%	42 pts
<b>6</b>	80%	40 pts
<b>5</b>	76%	38 pts
<b>4</b>	72%	36 pts
<b>3</b>	68%	34 pts
<b>2</b>	64%	32 pts
<b>1</b>	60%	30 pts
<b>0</b>	0%	0 pts