



**AP European History
DBQ Rubric Analysis Worksheet**

Rubric Topic	Definition	Clarification
Thesis and Argument Development – Basic Thesis	1. Presents a thesis that makes a historically defensible claim and responds to all parts of the question. The thesis must consist of one or more sentences located in one place, either in the introduction or the conclusion.	
Thesis and Argument Development – Thesis Excellent	2. Develops and supports a cohesive argument that recognizes and accounts for historical complexity by explicitly illustrating relationships among historical evidence such as contradiction, corroboration, and/or qualification.	
Document Analysis	1. Utilizes the content of at least six of the documents to support the stated thesis or relevant argument.	
Document Analysis	2. Explains the significance of the author’s point of view, author’s purpose, historical context, and/or audience for at least four documents.	

Using Evidence Beyond the Documents	1. CONTEXTUALIZATION: Situates the argument by explaining the broader historical events, developments, or processes immediately relevant to the question.	
Using Evidence Beyond the Documents	2. EVIDENCE BEYOND THE DOCUMENTS: Provides an example or additional piece of specific evidence beyond those found in the documents to support or qualify the argument.	
Synthesis	Extends the argument by explaining the connections between the argument and ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A development in a different historical period, situation, era or geographical areab. A course theme and/or approach to history that is not the focus of the essay (such as political, economic, social, cultural, or intellectual history)c. A different discipline or field of inquiry (such as economics, government and politics, art history, or anthropology)	