

## 1421 Rubric

**Task:** Students complete the 1421 Criteria Worksheet and write an essay expressing their opinion about Gavin Menzies's claim.

Criteria					
	1	2	3	4	Points
<b>Selects Appropriate Criteria to Evaluate Evidence</b>	Selects no criteria to evaluate evidence	Selects criteria but not appropriate to evaluate evidence	Selects appropriate criteria to evaluate evidence	Selects a combination of appropriate criteria to evaluate evidence	_____
<b>Determines Validity with Reasons</b>	Includes no specific reasons/ details to determine valid or not valid	Includes few specific reasons/ details to determine valid or not valid	Includes some specific reasons/details to determine valid or not valid	Includes many specific reasons/details to determine valid or not valid	_____
<b>Essay Construction</b>	Essay is disorganized and does not follow proper format	Essay is somewhat organized with weak sense of format	Well organized essay with format followed in a general way	Extremely well-organized essay with format followed thoroughly	_____
<b>Conventional Standards</b>	4 or more errors in capitalization, usage, spelling, or punctuation	Less than 4 errors in capitalization, usage, spelling, or punctuation	Less than 3 errors in capitalization, usage, spelling, or punctuation	No errors in capitalization, usage, spelling, or punctuation	_____
<b>Total Points:</b>					_____
<b>Grade</b>	1-4 pts. = D	5-9 pts. = C	10-13 pts. = B	14-16 pts. = A	

**Teacher Comments:**