DBQ Rubric

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| **Task** | **Points Earned** |
| Thesis | 15 / 5 / 0 |
| Document #1 | 10 / 5 / 0 |
| Document #2 | 10 / 5 / 0 |
| Document #3 | 10 / 5 / 0 |
| Specific Examples | 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 |
| Structure | 15 / 10 / 5 / 0 |
| Style and Organization | 10 / 5 / 0 |

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Thesis (15 total points)  
Your thesis will be considered **complete** if thesis does not simply restate the prompt, if it breaks the prompt down into specific categories of analysis, and addresses every part of the prompt. This is worth 15 points.

Your thesis will be considered **incomplete** if the thesis simply restates the prompt, if it fails to break the prompt down into specific categories of analysis, and/or does not address every part of the prompt. This is worth 5 points.

Every good essay requires a thesis. There will be no points awarded for a missing thesis.

Documents (30 total points)  
You must use **three** of the provided documents as **evidence** to support the argument from your thesis. **Cite all documents** when used parenthetically. (*Doc 1*).

Each document is worth **ten points**.   
Successful use of a document as support gains the full ten points.  
Misreading of a document or otherwise unsuccessful use is worth five points.  
Not including a required document earns no points.

Use of Specific Examples and Evidence (30 total points)  
In addition to the document, you must provide **six** specific examples from the class readings and discussions to support your argument. Credit here will only be awarded to **specific** examples. No credit will be awarded for vague examples, thought experiments, hypotheticals, or otherwise “empty” writing. Each example is worth 5 points.

Structure (15 total points)  
The essay must have a formal writing structure. An introduction, multiple body paragraphs, and a conclusion are all required for a complete essay. 15 points are awarded for this, while only 10 or 5 points will be awarded if component(s) are missing. No points will be awarded to an essay without structure

Style (10 total points)  
A good essay is both concise and informative. 10, 5, or no points will be awarded depending on how well the essay stays focused on the topic, how well organized and presented the essay is, and how clear and readable the essay is.