BOYD, AP/DC U.S. History Rubric – Document Based Question (DBQ)

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	Grading Scale: 7=100 6=95 5=90 4= 85 3=75 2=65 1=55 0=50 U=0 *No Double-Dipping!*	
Thesis	Responds to all parts of the prompt with a historically-defensible thesis/claim that establishes a line of reasoning. Improvement Needed: Thesis is not located in the introductory paragraph. Thesis is too vague and may simply restate/rephrase the prompt. Thesis is incoherent, confusing, and/or off-topic. Thesis did not specifically address the prompt using the language of the prompt.	/1
Contextualization	Describes a broader historical context relevant to the prompt. *Must connect the topic of the prompt to broader historical events/processes that occur before, during, or continue after the time frame of the question. *The point is not awarded for merely a phrase or reference. Explain. *Understanding of time periods is critical in earning this point.	/1
Evidence	Evidence From the Documents Uses the context of at least three documents to address the topic of the prompt. *Accurately describe, do not quote. Supports an argument in response to the prompt using at least six documents. *Accurately describe, do not quote. *Must use the content of the documents to support an argument in response to the prompt. Evidence Beyond the Documents Uses at least one additional piece of specific historical evidence, not found in any of the documents, to support an argument in response to the prompt. *Accurately describe evidence. A phrase or reference is not sufficient. *Must be different than evidence used to obtain point for contextualization.	/3
Analysis and Reasoning	☐ For at least three documents, explains how or why the document's point of view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience is relevant to the argument. *Must explain, not simply identify. *Remember H.I.P.P.O.! ☐ Demonstrates a complex understanding of the historical development that is the focus of the prompt, using evidence to support or modify an argument that addresses the question.	
More Feedback: be specific! needs clarity use past tense no quoting grammar issues answer prompt! no shorthand more evidence more analysis more depth oversimplifications improve org properly cite docs historical context must connect to topic improve doc usage and analysis circle back		