

Core Structure	AP Grading Scale - DBQ
<p><b>Introductory Paragraph:</b></p> <p>_____ Historical Context – Sets the Table</p> <p>_____ Organizational categories (Plan of Attack)</p> <p>_____ Claim fully addresses the prompt and takes an explicit position</p>	<p>9-8</p> <p>_____ Strong claim, clearly developed; analytical and focused on the question.</p> <p>_____ Develops the claim with substantial and relevant outside information.</p> <p>_____ Effectively uses a substantial number of documents</p> <p>_____ Analyzes more than describes</p> <p>_____ Understands the complexity of the question.</p> <p>_____ May contain insignificant errors.</p>
<p><b>Supporting Paragraphs:</b></p> <p>1st    2nd    3rd    4th</p> <p>_____ _____ _____ _____ Topic Sentence</p> <p>_____ _____ _____ _____ Factual Evidence</p> <p>_____ _____ _____ _____ Document Evidence</p> <p>_____ _____ _____ _____ Analysis</p> <p>_____ _____ _____ _____ Clincher / Transition</p>	<p>5-7</p> <p>_____ Contains a clear claim</p> <p>_____ Supports the thesis with some factual information</p> <p>_____ Effectively uses some documents</p> <p>_____ Limited analysis; mostly describes.</p> <p>_____ Does not fully understand the complexity of the question</p> <p>_____ May contain minor errors.</p> <p>2-4</p> <p>_____ Lacks a claim, or simply restates the question or confused or unfocused claim.</p> <p>_____ Supporting information superficial, missing or irrelevant.</p> <p>_____ Merely paraphrases, quotes, or briefly cites Documents</p> <p>_____ May contain major errors.</p>
<p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <p>_____ Restates the claim</p> <p>_____ Recaps the arguments</p> <p>_____ Relates to the big picture – So what?</p>	<p>0-1</p> <p>_____ May paraphrase the question.</p> <p>_____ Has little or no understanding of the documents, or ignores them completely</p> <p>_____ Incompetent, inappropriate response.</p> <p>_____ Little understanding of the question.</p>
<p><b>Grade to Percentage Conversion</b></p> <p>9 = 100%    8=95%    7=90%</p> <p>6=85%    5=80%    4=75%</p> <p>3=70%    2=60%    1=50%</p>	<p><b>Additional Comments</b></p> <p>_____</p>