

The Basic Core-Scoring Guide

You must earn the first six basic core points of the AP Exam's Core-Scoring Guide for the DBQ before you can receive the three optional points from the expanded core. You will earn the six points by ensuring your essay accomplishes the following tasks:

- Provides an appropriate, explicitly stated thesis that directly addresses all parts of the question and does NOT simply restate the question.
- Discusses a majority of the documents individually and specifically.
- Demonstrates understanding of the basic meaning of a majority of the documents.
- Supports the thesis with appropriate interpretations of a majority of the documents.
- Analyzes the documents by explicitly grouping them in at least three appropriate ways.
- Takes into account both the sources of the documents and the authors' points of view in three separate instances.