

“Must Do’s” for Essay Rubrics

DBQ		
	Description	Must Do’s
1	Thesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be in 1st or last Paragraph • Address all “PERSIA” topics/categories in the question. (aka “Answer the Question!”)
2	Doc Meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Attempt</i> to understand all documents. (cannot ignore or leave out any document) • <i>Correctly interpret</i> all but one document
3	Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports thesis w/ specific evidence from all or all but 1 doc. “Specific evidence” = a unique word, phrase, or characteristic in/of each document.
4	POV (Context Analysis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyzes point of view in at least two (preferably 3) docs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “SOAPSTone”
5	Analyze (Group)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group doc’s by a shared characteristic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Groups
6	Add’l Doc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify additional doc. • Explain the need for the additional doc.

Continuity & Change Over Time		
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1	Thesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be in 1st or last Paragraph • Address all “PERSIA” topics/categories in the question. (aka “Answer the Question!”) • “While/Although/Despite (<i>A</i> continued), (<i>B</i> changed).”
2	Addresses Parts of Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss 2 continuities (3 if possible) • Discuss 2 changes (3 if possible)
3	Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give 6 specific examples of evidence (for 2 pts) • Give 3 specific examples of evidence (for 1 pt) • Give dates where possible (“Must Know Dates”)
4	Global Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare historical events “inside” question to events “outside” the question. (geographically/chronologically)
5	Analysis of Change/Cont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explains reason(s) for a change or continuity

Comparative		
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1	Thesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be in 1st or last Paragraph • Address all “PERSIA” topics/categories in the question. (aka “Answer the Question!”) • “While/Although/Despite (<i>A</i> was similar), (<i>B</i> was different).”
2	Addresses Parts of Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss 2 similarities (3 if possible) • Discuss 2 differences (3 if possible)
3	Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give 6 specific examples of evidence (for 2 pts) • Give 3 specific examples of evidence (for 1 pt)
4	Direct Comparison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes at least 1 relevant, direct comparison (“also, like, both, however, unlike, while ...”)
5	Analysis of Sim/Diff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explains reason(s) for a similarity and/or difference