

**AP European History  
DBQ Rubric**

Score Scale (0 - 9)

Basic Core	Points	Expanded Core	Points
1. Has an acceptable thesis that directly addresses the question.	1	Expands beyond the Basic Core of 1 – 6. The Basic Core of 6 <u>must</u> be achieved before a student can earn Expanded Core points.  Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a clear, analytical and comprehensive thesis.</li> <li>• Uses all or almost all documents.</li> <li>• Addresses all parts of the question thoroughly.</li> <li>• Uses documents persuasively as evidence.</li> <li>• Shows understanding of nuances in the documents.</li> <li>• Analyzes point of view in at least four documents cited in the essay.</li> <li>• Analyzes the documents in additional ways—additional groupings.</li> <li>• Brings in relevant “outside” historical content.</li> </ul>	0 - 3
2. Uses at least a majority of the documents.	1		
3. Addresses all parts of the question.	1		
4. Demonstrates understanding of the documents by using them to support an argument. (May misinterpret no more than one document.)	1		
5. Analyzes point of view in at least three documents cited in the essay.	1		
6. Analyzes documents by organizing them in at least three groups.	1		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total 9</b>			

Proofreading—The Invisible Point

- This means you will not receive a positive point for proofreading since it is a standard expectation of an honors student. However, if you fail to carefully proofread, you will lose one point from the Basic Core, which means it is impossible to receive Expanded Core points.

Grading Translation:	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	A	A-	B	B-	C	C-	D	D-	F