

DBQ Essay Checklist

Student Name _____ P. _____

DBQ Essay Topic _____

Big Picture Organization

- ___ Paragraphs address analytical categories
- ___ Paragraph sequence logical, consistent with thesis order
- ___ Transition sentences between paragraphs

Intro

- ___ Grabber
- ___ Background (time, place story)
- ___ Restatement of Questions/ Definition of Terms
- ___ Thesis/ Claim/ Road Map

Body Paragraph 2

- ___ Baby Thesis/ Subclaim/ topic sentence
- ___ Evidence – you explain what the document says
- ___ Analysis/ Evaluation of the evidence
- ___ Citation (you name the doc you are describing)

Body Paragraph 3

- ___ Baby Thesis/ Subclaim/ topic sentence
- ___ Evidence – you explain what the document says
- ___ Analysis/ Evaluation of the evidence
- ___ Citation (you name the doc you are describing)

Body Paragraph 4

- ___ Baby Thesis/ Subclaim/ topic sentence
- ___ Evidence – you explain what the document says
- ___ Analysis/ Evaluation of the evidence
- ___ Citation (you name the doc you are describing)

Conclusion

- ___ Restatement of the Thesis
- ___ Clinches argument – you make a bold claim that ties to your thesis

Mechanics and Conventions

- ___ Mechanics, grammar, spelling
- ___ Maintains formal tone/ Use of precise and varied language