

United States History and Government
Document Based Question Essay
Due on Wednesday February 25, 2015
Mrs. Hatlen

Directions:

- 1.) Choose only ONE of the DBQ essays to complete. Be careful in your choice! Choose the topic that is the most interesting but perhaps also the one that you understand the best. Look at all of them carefully before you make your decision.
- 2.) Once you have made your choice, start by answering the questions for each document. You will need to record your answers for each document on a piece of paper or type them (see example below).
- 3.) After completing the documents you should organize them and figure out which ones you will use in your essay (most essays require a ***minimum of 5 documents*** to be utilized in your essay).
- 4.) Next, you should create a list of ***outside information*** that you will also include in your essay. ***Outside information*** is anything that is not found in the documents but is considered relevant in addressing the Task of the essay. You can find outside information in your textbook or even your class notes (or your own memory from our study!).
- 5.) Then, create an outline for the essay that includes a thesis statement and an organization for the paragraphs of your essay. In your outline you should plan where you will use the documents and outside information.
- 6.) Finally, write a draft of the essay. After you're finished you should edit the essay by reflecting on whether or not you have fully addressed the Task of the essay and included sufficient documents and outside information.
- 7.) A reminder, when citing the documents in your essay you should use the author's name as a reference and at the end of the sentence cite it with (Doc. __).

Example: According to Mr. Smith in a History of the USA, "technology played an important role in the development of the west" (Doc. 4a) which shows that the settlement of the west was not possible without progress.

NOT acceptable: According to Document 4a "technology played an important role in the development of the west." **Also unacceptable:** "Technology played an important role in the development of the west" (Doc. 4a).

Don't just "throw" quotes in your essay without any context or explanation.

***** Your essay can be hand-written or typed. Either way is acceptable!**

*** However, whatever method you choose, your paper must follow the format that is displayed below. I will not accept any copies of the original DBQ with your documents answered in the spaces that are provided for with the documents. You **MUST** put your answers to the documents in one space above your essay. It is the easiest way for me to grade them once they are submitted.

Please scroll down to see the format...

Here is the format you must follow with your DBQ – handwritten or typed, this is how it should look.

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Title of the DBQ (See website for titles)

Document Answers:

1. According to
2. The graph shows that....
3. Essentially each answer for your documents should be one complete sentence each.
4. a. ...
b. ...
5. ...
6. ...
7. ...
8. ...
9. ...

Essay goes here:

Intro paragraph with thesis statement as your final sentence. Be sure to indent each paragraph whether you type it or hand write it.

Body Paragraph 1

Body Paragraph 2

Body Paragraph 3

More body Paragraphs as needed but more than 5 is probably too much!

Conclusion paragraph where you summarize and restate your thesis statement.