

Pre-AP History Essay & Analytical Review Scoring Guide

Description	5 A Paper	4 B Paper	3 C Paper	2 Failing	1 Failing
Thesis X2	Easily identifiable, insightful, clear, plausible	Solid, but a little vague and unclear, lacks insight	There is a statement, but the argument is very vague and hard to prove	Difficult to identify, makes no real argument	There is no thesis statement
Structure	Excellent transitions from point to point. Each Paragraph has a clear topic sentence. Paper is double spaced, appropriate margins, length etc.	Generally clear, some transitions are rough, a few paragraphs have unclear topic sentences. Paper may not meet length requirement.	Paper is in paragraph form, but transitions are choppy and topic sentences are weak. Paper is short of required length.	Paper is not in paragraph form consistently and transitions are choppy and make little sense. Paper is short of required length, not double spaced, margins are not appropriate.	Paper is unfinished and not in paragraph form
Use Of Evidence X2	Outside sources clearly support the topic sentences which help support the thesis	Most but not all evidence used supports the thesis	Outside sources are used, but most of the info is random and does little to support the thesis	Little outside sources are used, no outside information helps prove the thesis	No outside source or evidence is used
Analysis X2	Author goes beyond listing information, arguments for why and how certain events took place are given. Analysis of the outside sources is given and further proves the thesis true	Analysis is given in most paragraphs, but not every paragraph has analytical content about the outside sources	Information is given but little analysis is given as to how this info backs up the thesis	Analysis is seldom given and offers no insight to back the thesis	No analysis of the outside sources are given
Mechanics	There are less than 2 grammatical errors in the essay	There are 3-5 grammatical errors in the essay	There are 6-7 grammatical errors in the essay	There are 8-10 grammatical errors in the essay	There are more than 10 errors in the essay

Comments:

Sub Total _____

X 2

Total Points:

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