Gallos, AP U.S. History Rubric – Document Based Question (DBQ)

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Grading Scale: 7=100 6=95 5=90 4= 85 3=75 2=65 1=55 U=0 *No Double-Dipping!*			
Thesis	Responds to all parts of the prompt with a historically-defensible thesis/claim that establishes a line of reasoning.  Improvement Needed:  Thesis is not located in the introductory paragraph.  Thesis is too vague and may simply restate/rephrase the prompt.  Thesis is incoherent, confusing, and/or off-topic.  Thesis did not specifically address the prompt using the language of the prompt.	/1	
Contextualization	Describes a broader historical context relevant to the prompt.  *Must connect the topic of the prompt to broader historical events/processes that occur before, during, or continue after the time frame of the question.  *The point is not awarded for merely a phrase or reference. Explain.  *Understanding of time periods is critical in earning this point.	/1	
Evidence	Evidence From the Documents  Uses the content of at least three documents to address the topic of the prompt.  *Accurately describe, do not quote.  Supports an argument in response to the prompt using at least six documents.  *Accurately describe, do not quote.  *Must use the content of the documents to support an argument in response to the prompt.  Evidence Beyond the Documents  Uses at least one additional piece of specific historical evidence, not found in any of the documents, to support an argument in response to the prompt.  *Accurately describe evidence. A phrase or reference is not sufficient.  *Must be different than evidence used to obtain point for contextualization.	/3	
Analysis and Reasoning	For at least three documents, explains how or why the document's point of view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience is relevant to the argument.  *Must explain, not simply identify.  *Remember H.I.P.P.O.!  Demonstrates a complex understanding of the historical development that is the focus of the prompt, using evidence to support or modify an argument that addresses the question.  Explains relevant and insightful connections within and across time periods.  Modifies arguments by considering, and explaining, alternative views or evidence.  Explains continuity and change or cause and effect.  *Accuracy and explanation needed to obtain this point.	/2	
Additional Feedback:be specific!budget your timeuse past tenseno shorthandno quotingmore evidencemore analysismore explanationoversimplificationsimprove organization properly cite docsimprove grammarimprove doc usage and analysisno contextualizationessay is disorganized/incoherent			