DBQ Rubric, Centennial Middle School

	A Work (18-20 Points)	B Work (16-17 Points)	C Work (14-15 Points)	I Work (1-13 Points)	0 Points
Use of Documents: Effectively uses documents to support arguments	Skillfully uses all documents/artifacts and: • Contains no significant factual errors or misrepresentation of documents. • Recognizes point of view where applicable. • Draws inferences and conclusion	Skillfully uses most of the documents/artifacts and: • Contains a few factual errors or misrepresentations of documents • Recognizes point of view where applicable. • Formulates generally accurate conclusions	Uses some of the documents/artifacts and: • Contains little supplementary information • Attempts to formulate some conclusions: may contain some factual errors. • Does not recognize point of view	Uses little information from the documents and: • Merely quotes or briefly cites documents, or misunderstands documents. • Draws vague conclusions • Does not recognize point of view	No use of documents in essay.
Analysis: Makes plausible inferences and a rational argument	Incorporates accurate and relevant background knowledge. Presents analysis that reflects understanding of complex issues.	Incorporates accurate and relevant background knowledge. Presents analysis that reflects some understanding/analysis of complex issues.	Attempts rational argument and attempts to connect outside knowledge and/or evidence from documents to the thesis.	Uses minimal information from documents or copies from documents and uses minimal outside information. Analysis, although attempted is not accurate.	Uses unclear or inaccurate information from documents. Includes no outside information. Fails to provide analysis.
Organization and Clarity: A coherent essay with thesis, topic sentence, analysis, and conclusion	Writes a well-developed response demonstrating clear and logical organization including a strong thesis and a conclusion that effectively summarizes the argument.	Paragraph includes a thesis and supporting evidence. Fluid writing and organization move the argument forward. Student provides basic conclusion.	Paragraph contains a weak thesis or thesis is misplaced. Some sentences lack cohesion. Describes documents more often than draws conclusion.	Answer is poorly organized. Vague or missing introduction and/ or a conclusion.	Organization is not evident. Does not include a thesis or conclusion.

Total Score	and Comments:				