

Philanthropy of Andrew Carnegie – DBQ Essay Rubric 40 points

|                      | Exceeds Standard (30-27)  | Meets Standard (26-21)   | Below Standard (20-0)   |
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| Thesis               | <p>Reflects the complexities of questions and/or issues generated from the prompt</p> <p>Strong, Sophisticated language</p> <p>Clear &amp; arguable</p> | <p>Easily identified thesis that is on-topic</p> <p>Strong language</p> <p>Clear &amp; arguable</p>                        | <p>Unclear or developing thesis</p> <p>Simple, weak language—including “I think..,” “I believe...”</p> <p>Not clear and/or arguable</p> |
| Topic Sentences      | <p>Per claim, specific topic sentences that guide reader to next key concept &amp; reinforce thesis</p> <p>Strong, Sophisticated language</p>           | <p>Per claim, most topic sentences specifically reference a key concept that matches the thesis</p> <p>Strong language</p> | <p>Missing or too general topic sentences that may not relate to the thesis</p> <p>Simple, weak language</p>                            |
| Evidence             | <p>Abundant, credible, relevant and compelling evidence from documents</p>  | <p>Reliable and mostly relevant evidence primarily from docs</p>   | <p>Little to no evidence that is questionable or irrelevant</p>   |
| Analysis             | <p>Complex, thoughtful analysis of the evidence is used to prove the topic sentence/thesis</p>  | <p>Evidence is connected to the questions and/or issues raised by the prompt</p>   | <p>General discussion of topic</p>  |
| Concluding Arguments | <p>Complex, thoughtful analysis that prove thesis</p> <p>Clear and insightful counter arguments using documents</p>                                     | <p>Some analysis connected to thesis</p> <p>Counter argument presented</p>   | <p>This is restated as conclusion with no analysis</p> <p>Missing counter argument</p>  |