**Social Studies Essay Rubric**

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|  | **4 points** | **3 Points** | **2 Points** | **1 Point** | **0** |
| **Paragraph 1**  **Claim and Supporting Arguments** | **An appropriate lead is used**  **A clear and well-articulated claim is stated**  **3 arguments clearly identified**  **The writer makes a direct and a strong connection between the claim and the all of the arguments** | **An appropriate lead is used**  **Clear claim stated**  **Arguments present**  **Arguments mostly connected to the claim.** | **An appropriate lead is missing**  **And/Or**  **Claim not clearly stated, or somewhat confusing.**  **And/Or**  **Arguments not clearly stated or not entirely connected to the claim** | **Claim not clear**  **Arguments do not support the claim**  **OR**  **3 arguments not present** | **Not done** |
| **Paragraph 2,3, & 4**  **Argument supporting details, and primary source quotes**  **(4 points per paragraph)** | **Argument is explained well and strongly supports the claim**  **A variety of relevant and specific details/examples are clearly identified and used to support the argument.**  **Two relevant primary source quotes are present, and the author/document of each is identified**  **Both quotes clearly support the argument and the claim.** | **Argument is explained and supports the claim**  **Details/examples are included and generally support the argument.**  **Two relevant primary source quotes are present, and the author/document of each is identified**  **Quotes generally support the claim, but the author does not explain the connection** | **Arguments presented, but connect to claim is not clearly made.**    **Lacks adequate details and examples in support of the argument**  **Only one primary source quote**  **And/Or**  **Quotes not clearly connected to argument or claim**  **And/Or**  **author/document of each is not identified** | **Argument not clear or does not support the claim**  **Very little relevant or specific detail provided to**  **Lacks adequate and relevant primary source evidence, or no primary sources provided** | **Not Done** |
| **Paragraph 5**  **Conclusion** | **The claim is restated**  **The 3 arguments are summarized**  **A strong/persuasive concluding sentence ends the paragraph.** | **The claim is mentioned**  **The 2-3 arguments are mentioned again, but not necessarily summarized**  **A concluding sentence ends the paragraph, but is not very persuasive.** | **The claim in not restates**  **And/Or**  **The 3 arguments are not fully summarized**  **And/Or**  **Is missing a strong concluding sentence** | **The conclusion is missing many if the required elements** | **Not done** |