**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** |