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CONTENT (40%)			
The essay clearly states a thesis, develops it with careful analysis, insight, and originality; and supports and defends the argument substantially and concretely with appropriate reference to and reflection or sources/resources.		A A-	
The essay adequately defines a thesis and supports it sufficiently and consistently; it defends the argument, is accurate, and exhibits familiarity with sources/resources and reflection on them.	B+	В	B-
The essay lacks a clear thesis, may contain inaccuracies, and/or fails to exhibit familiarity with or reflection or the sources/resources.	C+	С	C-
The essay lacks a thesis, contains inaccuracies, and/or does not refer to appropriate sources/resources.	D+	D	D-
The essay is dishonest or bears little or no relation to the assignment.	F		
INTERPRETATION (40%)			
Demonstrates keen understanding of the cultural and historical context of the sources/resources used in the essay and a parallel understanding of the situation to which they are being applied. When appropriate assesses well other interpretative options, explains interpretive choices made in the essay and exhibits creativity or originality.	,	A A-	
Demonstrates an adequate understanding of the cultural and historical context of the sources/ resources used in the essay and a parallel understanding of the situation to which they are being applied. When appropriate makes reference to other interpretive options.		В	B-
Analysis is inadequate or lacking in one of the two aspects above. Does not consider other interpretative options.	C+	С	C-
Analysis is inadequate in both aspects above.	D+	D	D-
Little to no interpretation given.	F		
ORGANIZATION (10%)			
Essay progresses in carefully ordered stages; transitions effective; paragraphs and sentences coherent.	Α	Α	
Essay's purpose generally clear; transitions usually coherent; paragraphs and sentences usually coherent.	B+	В	B-
Essay's purpose apparent, but incompletely carried out; or paragraphs ineffectively developed; or transitions too abrupt; sentences sometimes incoherent.	C+	С	C-
Purpose not always apparent; paragraphs poorly developed; transitions abrupt or unclear; sentences sometimes incoherent.	D+	D	D-
Purpose not apparent; paragraphs incoherent, or undeveloped; transitions lacking; sentences incoherent.	F		
MECHANICS/EXPRESSION (10%)			
Conforms to standard usage or rarely diverges from it in respect to grammar, punctuation and spelling Creative and precise word choice.	. А	Α	
Infrequently diverges from standard usage in respect to grammar, punctuation and spelling. Appropriate word choice.	B+	В	B-
Occasionally diverges from standard usage in respect to grammar, punctuation and spelling. Occasionally inappropriate, vague, or unidiomatic word choice.	/ C+	С	C-
Fairly frequently diverges from standard usage in grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Inappropriate word choice gets in the way of the reader's understanding.	D+	D	D-
Frequently and seriously diverges from standard usage in grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Inappropriate vague, or unidiomatic word choice.	, <b>F</b>		
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