

Rubrics for AP Histories

+ Historical Thinking Skills

Effective Fall 2015



AP History Document-Based Question and Long Essay Rubrics

The rubrics for the AP Histories' Document-Based Question and Long Essay have been modified for 2016*, using feedback received from AP teachers and Readers before, during and after the 2015 AP Exam administration and AP Reading. The Development Committees and Chief Readers for all three history courses have collaborated on these revisions. The intent of the revisions was to improve the rubrics' capacities both as scoring instruments and as teaching tools.

Because these rubrics have not yet been applied to responses generated by students in an exam setting, they may need to undergo further fine tuning at the 2016 Readings for both U.S. and European History. This fine tuning is standard practice when developing new rubrics, but such changes – if any – will be made for clarification purposes only. No additional substantive changes will be made to these rubrics.

*2017 for World History