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COLLEGE BOARD'S DBQ SCORING METHOD

The DBQ is scored 0-9. In order to score a 7, 8, or 9 on the DBQ, you must first earn the 6 Basic Core points. In order to earn all 6 Basic Core Points, you must do the following:

- Have an acceptable thesis that addresses the question directly
 - Use at least a majority of the documents (half plus one)
 - Address all parts of the question
- Demonstrate understanding of the documents by using them to support your argument; no more than one misinterpretation allowed
 - Analyze the point of view or bias in at least three documents
 - Analyze documents by organizing them into at least three groups

If you score a 6 and get extra points, your score can improve to a 7, 8 or 9. *You must score a 6 in order to be eligible for the 3 extra points. You can earn the Expanded Core points by doing some or all of the following:

- Have a clear, analytical and comprehensive thesis
 - Use all or almost all documents
 - Address all parts of the question thoroughly
 - Use documents persuasively as evidence
 - Show understanding of nuances in the documents
- Analyze point of view or bias in at least four documents
 - Analyze the documents in additional ways
 - Use additional groupings of documents
- Bring in relevant, outside historical information, that is information not found in the documents or background information provided