**DBQ breakdown 2017 rubric…**

Explanation of the toughest points:

**Analysis and Reasoning**

Analysis = 1 point

For at least three documents, explains how or why the document’s point of view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience is relevant to an argument.

To earn this point, the response must explain how or why (rather than simply identifying) the document’s **point of view**, **purpose**, **historical situation,** or **audience** is relevant to an argument about the prompt for each of the three documents sourced.

Reasoning = 1 point

Demonstrates a complex understanding of the historical development that is the focus of the prompt, using evidence to corroborate, qualify, or modify an argument that addresses the question.

A response may demonstrate a complex understanding in a variety of ways, such as:

• Explaining nuance of an issue by analyzing multiple variables.

• Explaining both similarity and difference, or explaining both continuity and change, or explaining multiple causes, or explaining both cause and effect.

• Explaining relevant and insightful connections within and across periods.

• Confirming the validity of an argument by corroborating multiple perspectives across themes.

• Qualifying or modifying an argument by considering diverse or alternative views or evidence.

This understanding must be part of the argument, not merely a phrase or reference.

**Big words???**

The difference between modify and qualify? (Not much!!)

**Modify** is to make partial changes to

**Qualifying**: Qualifiers are words like “some” or “many” or “most” or “often” etc that differentiate a fact or claim from concepts such as “all” or “always”. **To qualify** a claim **means** to limit. Qualifiers are essential for two reasons: a) They clarify claims to truth and make them more factually accurate.

**Corroborate** - confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding).

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| *synonyms:* | confirm, verify, endorse, ratify, authenticate, validate, certify  |

Agree/Disagree/Modify/Qualify!!!