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AP[®] United States History

Scoring Guidelines Set 2

Question 1: Short Answer Secondary Source**3 points****General Scoring Notes**

- Each point is earned independently.
- **Accuracy:** These scoring guidelines require that students demonstrate historically defensible content knowledge. Given the timed nature of the exam, responses may contain errors that do not detract from their overall quality, as long as the historical content used to advance the argument is accurate.
- **Clarity:** Exam responses should be considered first drafts and thus may contain grammatical errors. Those errors will not be counted against a student unless they obscure the successful demonstration of the content knowledge, skills, and practices described below.
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- **Explain:** Provide information about how or why a historical development or process occurs or how or why a relationship exists.

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- A** Briefly describe one major difference between Pollard’s and Patterson’s historical interpretations of the origins of the Cold War. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- Pollard argues that the origins of the Cold War were primarily rooted in economic differences while Patterson argues that the actions of the Soviet Union brought on the Cold War.
- Source 1 argues that it was the actions of the United States that initiated the Cold War while Source 2 argues that it was the fear of communism.

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- B** Briefly explain how one event or development from 1940 to 1960 not directly mentioned in the excerpts could be used to support Pollard’s interpretation of the origins of the Cold War. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- The United States attempted to create a free-market global economy, in the face of Communist ideology, and this supports Pollard’s argument that economic concerns were a significant driver of the Cold War.
 - The United States began a campaign of economic sanctions against the Soviet Union in 1948, which supports Pollard’s interpretation that the origins of the Cold War were primarily economic.
 - The United States international aid to noncommunist countries illustrates how the origins of the Cold War were primarily economic, which supports Pollard’s interpretation.
 - The United States creation of economic institutions to bolster non-Communist nations and prevent Soviet expansion supports Pollard’s argument about the origins of the Cold War.
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- The United States used the Marshall Plan to connect European economies with the United States.

C Briefly explain how one event or development from 1940 to 1960 not directly mentioned in the excerpts could be used to support Patterson’s interpretation of the origins of the Cold War. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- Patterson’s argument is that concerns about the spread of communism contributed to the start of the Cold War, and the usage of controversial methods to expose suspected communists during the Second Red Scare supports this claim.
 - The focus of United States policymakers after 1945 on containing communism through the Truman Doctrine supports Patterson’s argument that concerns about the spread of communism led to the start of the Cold War.
 - The United States justified intervening in Korea with the argument that it was preventing the territorial expansion of communism, which supports Patterson’s arguments about the United States’ fears about communism’s territorial expansion contributing to the Cold War.
 - The United States justified covert actions in countries to overthrow governments thought to be too close to the Soviet Union.
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Question 2: Short Answer Primary Source**3 points****General Scoring Notes**

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- **Clarity:** Exam responses should be considered first drafts and thus may contain grammatical errors. Those errors will not be counted against a student unless they obscure the successful demonstration of the content knowledge, skills, and practices described below.
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- **Explain:** Provide information about how or why a historical development or process occurs or how or why a relationship exists.

A Briefly describe the author's purpose as expressed in the excerpt. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- Terrell's purpose was to celebrate the achievements of African Americans since emancipation.
- Terrell challenged African American women to continue participating in public discussions regarding equality.
- Terrell sought to oppose racial discrimination in the United States.

B Briefly explain how one historical development between 1865 and 1897 contributed to the ideas expressed in the excerpt. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- The emancipation of enslaved people resulting from the Civil War gave African Americans their freedom, which allowed many African Americans to make unprecedented advancements in the postbellum era, a point that Terrell acknowledges in the excerpt.
 - The passage of constitutional amendments during Reconstruction led to the temporary political and social gains for African Americans celebrated by Terrell in the excerpt.
 - Supreme Court decisions such as *Plessy v. Ferguson* enforced racial segregation, leading activists such as Terrell to organize to advocate for civil rights.
 - The fight for equality continued for African Americans in the decades following emancipation, which supports Terrell's suggestion that women of color should continue to participate in public advocacy for equality.
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- Women contributed to larger conversations regarding temperance and morality in the late nineteenth century, an idea that is expressed in Terrell’s call to better humanity.

C	Briefly explain how the ideas expressed in the excerpt contributed to one historical development between 1897 and 1945.	1 point
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Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- Calls for temperance, such as those expressed by Terrell, eventually led to the constitutional amendment establishing Prohibition from 1920 to 1933.
 - The fight for equality for women, as illustrated in Terrell’s arguments, eventually resulted in a women’s suffrage movement that achieved voting rights through the Nineteenth Amendment.
 - Efforts to reform United States society contributed to the rise of the Progressive movement in the late 1800s and early 1900s.
 - The formation of organizations such as the National Association of Colored Women eventually led to a broader civil rights movement against legal segregation in the United States.
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Question 3: Short Answer No Stimulus**3 points****General Scoring Notes**

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- **Clarity:** Exam responses should be considered first drafts and thus may contain grammatical errors. Those errors will not be counted against a student unless they obscure the successful demonstration of the content knowledge, skills, and practices described below.
- **Describe:** Provide the relevant characteristics of a specified topic. Description requires more than simply mentioning an isolated term.
- **Explain:** Provide information about how or why a historical development or process occurs or how or why a relationship exists.

A Briefly describe one political debate in British North America from 1763 to 1783. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- The end of the Seven Years' War spurred debates over whether colonists in British North America should be taxed to help pay for war debts.
- The Proclamation of 1763 contributed to political debates about westward expansion in British North America.
- The continued presence of British soldiers, who the colonists legally had to quarter according to British laws, resulted in increased political debates about the rights of colonists.
- Colonists debated whether they should declare independence or remain loyal to Great Britain.

B Briefly describe one effect of the ratification of the United States Constitution from 1789 to 1800. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- The Constitution created a new stronger central government for the United States.
 - The ratification of the United States Constitution created lasting debates over states' rights versus federal power under the federalist system of government.
 - The ratification of the United States Constitution led to debates about economic policies such as creating a national bank.
 - The ratification of the Constitution resulted in the eventual addition of the Bill of Rights.
 - The executive branch was created as a result of the ratification of the Constitution.
 - The establishment of a new government under the Constitution led to the formation of political parties.
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- The ratification of the Constitution created a new government that included the separation of powers.

C	Briefly explain how one group responded to debates about federal government power from 1800 to 1840.	1 point
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Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- In response to states that passed laws that took power from the federal government, the Supreme Court asserted the power to strike down state laws through judicial review.
 - Democratic-Republicans believed that the power of the federal government was too high, so they sought to return power back to the states through legislation.
 - Loose constructionists called for the federal government to have more involvement in promoting economic development.
 - Advocates of internal improvements claimed that the federal government had the power to promote economic development.
 - Native Americans resisted the federal government's encroachment onto their sovereign lands.
 - Jacksonian Democrats asserted the power of the federal government to enact tariffs.
 - A growing antislavery movement pushed for the federal government to end United States participation in the transatlantic slave trade.
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Question 4: Short Answer No Stimulus**3 points****General Scoring Notes**

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- **Clarity:** Exam responses should be considered first drafts and thus may contain grammatical errors. Those errors will not be counted against a student unless they obscure the successful demonstration of the content knowledge, skills, and practices described below.
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- **Explain:** Provide information about how or why a historical development or process occurs or how or why a relationship exists.

A Briefly describe one political debate in the United States between 1910 and 1929. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- A growing Progressive movement led to political debates about the federal government's role in society.
- The First Red Scare resulted in political debates about labor, socialism, and free speech.
- The First World War contributed to larger political debates about civil rights during wartime.
- Americans debated whether to restrict immigration to the United States.
- Americans argued over whether to support joining the League of Nations or whether to return to a policy of isolationism.

B Briefly describe one effect of the New Deal from 1932 to 1945. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- The New Deal established a Civilian Conservation Corps [CCC] that had a lasting impact on public lands.
 - The New Deal created a limited welfare state in many ways, including through the passage of the Social Security Act in 1935.
 - The New Deal increased jobs by employing people to build infrastructure.
 - People were paid to paint murals by New Deal programs.
 - The New Deal increased government spending on public infrastructure, including such projects as the construction of hydroelectric power plants by the Tennessee Valley Authority [TVA].
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- C** Briefly explain how one group responded to debates about government power from 1945 to 1970. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- Conservatives criticized the expansion of the welfare state by calling for limiting the role of the federal government.
 - Supporters of the Great Society praised President Lyndon Johnson and the federal government for waging a War on Poverty.
 - Members of the New Left argued that political leaders were not doing enough to transform the racial and economic status quo.
 - Communities questioned the federal government’s role in desegregation efforts following the decision in *Brown v. the Board of Education* [1954].
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Question 1: Document-Based Question, Economic Changes US Society

7 points

General Scoring Notes

- Except where otherwise noted, each point of these rubrics is earned independently; for example, a student could earn a point for evidence without earning a point for thesis/claim.
- **Accuracy:** The components of these rubrics require that students demonstrate historically defensible content knowledge. Given the timed nature of the exam, essays may contain errors that do not detract from their overall quality, as long as the historical content used to advance the argument is accurate.
- **Clarity:** Exam essays should be considered first drafts and thus may contain grammatical errors. Those errors will not be counted against a student unless they obscure the successful demonstration of the content knowledge, skills, and practices described below.

Evaluate the extent to which economic changes influenced United States society between 1865 to 1910.

Reporting Category	Scoring Criteria	
Row A Thesis/Claim (0–1 points)	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Responds to the prompt with a historically defensible thesis/claim that establishes a line of reasoning.
Decision Rules and Scoring Notes		
	Responses that do not earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are not historically defensible. Only restate or rephrase the prompt. Do not respond to the prompt. Do not establish a line of reasoning. Are overgeneralized. 	Responses that earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a historically defensible thesis or claim about the extent to which economic changes influenced United States society between 1865 to 1910. The thesis or claim must either provide some indication of the reason for making that claim OR establish categories of the argument.
	Examples that do not earn this point: Provide a restatement of the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“The economy changed in the United States from 1865 to 1910.”</i> Provide a historically defensible claim, but do not establish a line of reasoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“The United States industrialized in the 1800s.”</i> Do not focus on the topic of the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“The United States became more imperialistic in the late 1800s.”</i> 	Examples that earn this point: Establish a line of reasoning that evaluates the topic of the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“As businesses became larger and more powerful in the 1800s, Progressive reformers during the early 1900s passed laws restraining the power of businesses.”</i> Establish a line of reasoning that evaluates the topic of the prompt with analytic categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“From 1865 to 1910, economic changes influenced United States society through the expansion of industrialization, consolidation of corporations into trusts, and the widespread employment of immigrants in factories.”</i> Establish a line of reasoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“The most important way economic change influenced United States society was that corporations grew bigger.”</i> [Minimally acceptable thesis/claim]
	Additional Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The thesis or claim must consist of one or more sentences located in one place, either in the introduction or the conclusion (which may not be limited to the first or last paragraphs). The thesis or claim must identify a relevant development(s) in the period, although it is not required to encompass the entire period. 	

Reporting Category	Scoring Criteria	
Row B Contextualization (0–1 points)	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Describes a broader historical context relevant to the prompt.
	Decision Rules and Scoring Notes	
	Responses that do not earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide an overgeneralized statement about the time period referenced in the prompt. Provide context that is not relevant to the prompt. Provide a passing phrase or reference. 	Responses that earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accurately describe a context relevant to economic changes in the United States between 1865 to 1910.
	Examples that do not earn this point: Do not provide context relevant to the topic of the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“The United States declared independence in 1776.”</i> Provide an overgeneralized statement about the time period referenced in the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“During this time period Americans had lots of different jobs.”</i> 	Examples of relevant context that earn this point include the following, if appropriate elaboration is provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market revolution Transportation revolution First Industrial Revolution Westward expansion / Manifest Destiny Mexican-American War Civil War First World War Roaring ‘20s Great Depression Examples of acceptable contextualization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“The industrial capabilities created during this period helped to drive military production in the United States during the First World War.”</i> <i>“During the 1800s the United States built more factories and work by artisans declined.”</i> [Minimally acceptable contextualization]
Additional Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response must describe broader historical events, developments, or processes that occur before, during, or continue after the time frame of the question that are relevant to the topic of the prompt. To earn this point, the context provided must be more than a phrase or reference. 		

Reporting Category	Scoring Criteria		
Row C Evidence from Documents	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Uses the content of at least three documents to address the topic of the prompt.	2 points Supports an argument in response to the prompt using at least four documents.
(0–2 points)	Decision Rules and Scoring Notes		
	Responses that do not earn points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use evidence from less than three of the documents Misinterpret the content of the document Quote the content of the documents without providing an accompanying description Address documents collectively rather than considering separately the content of each document 	Responses that earn 1 point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accurately describe—rather than simply quote—the content from at least three of the documents to address economic changes in the United States between 1865 to 1910. Examples of describing the content of a document: Describe evidence from the documents relevant to the topic but do not use that evidence to support an argument <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Document 7]: “The political cartoon shows Teddy Roosevelt trying to control trusts, which are represented by a bronco.” 	Responses that earn 2 points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support an argument in response to the prompt by accurately using the content of at least four documents. Examples of supporting an argument using the content of a document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Document 1]: “In the sermon, Vinton supports the uniting of the country through expansion of the railroads across the continent, which showed how business interests intersected with political goals.” [Uses evidence from the document to support an argument about the relationship between business interests and territorial expansion] [Document 5]: “Kelley explained how the union label system developed in response to unsafe working conditions, which intensified as a result of industrialization in the late nineteenth century.” [Uses evidence from the document to support an argument about how organized labor developed in response to new business practices during the Gilded Age]
	Additional Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To earn two points, the four documents do not have to be used in support of a single argument—they can be used across sub-arguments or to address counterarguments. 		

Row C Evidence Beyond Documents	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Uses at least one additional piece of specific historical evidence [beyond that found in the documents] relevant to an argument in response to the prompt.
Decision Rules and Scoring Notes		
(0–1 points)	Responses that do not earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide evidence that is not relevant to an argument about the prompt. • Provide evidence that is outside the time period or region specified in the prompt. • Repeat information that is specified in the prompt or in any of the documents. • Provide a passing phrase or reference. 	Responses that earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must use at least one specific piece of historical evidence relevant to economic changes in the United States between 1865 to 1910. Examples of specific and relevant evidence beyond the documents that earn this point include the following, if appropriate elaboration is provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progressives • Populist Party [People’s Party] • The “New South” • Social Gospel • Boom towns • Sharecropping • Haymarket Riot • Major industrialists [e.g. Andrew Carnegie, J.P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller] • William Jennings Bryan • Sherman Anti-Trust Act • Gilded Age • Vertical/horizontal integration • Second Industrial Revolution • Knights of Labor Examples of evidence beyond the documents relevant to an argument about the prompt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Advocates of the Social Gospel sought to address the social problems of industrialization by promoting activism to help the poor and reform the economy as a key part of their religious beliefs.”</i> [Provides a piece of evidence not in the documents relevant to an argument about how economic changes shaped reform groups in United States society] • <i>“As companies got larger and richer, it became possible for them to start buying up their competitors in a process called horizontal integration, which often gave the companies a lot of power over markets for particular goods or access to transportation.”</i> [Provides a piece of evidence not in the documents relevant to an argument about how the size of businesses influenced their power]

	<p>Additional Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Typically, statements credited as evidence will be more specific than statements credited as contextualization.• To earn this point, the evidence provided must be different from the evidence used to earn the point for contextualization.• To earn this point, the evidence provided must be more than a phrase or reference.• The point for evidence beyond the documents may be awarded for evidence that appears in any part of the response.
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Reporting Category	Scoring Criteria	
Row D Analysis and Reasoning Sourcing	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point For at least two documents, explains how or why the document’s point of view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience is relevant to an argument.
(0–1 points)	Decision Rules and Scoring Notes	
	<p>Responses that do not earn this point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain sourcing for fewer than two of the documents. Identify the point of view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience but fail to explain how or why it is relevant to an argument. Summarize the content or argument of the document without explaining the relevance of this summary to the point of view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience. <p>Examples that do not earn this point:</p> <p>Identify the point of view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience, but do not explain how or why it is relevant to an argument</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“The point of view of Document 1 is that the railroad is good for the country.”</i> <p>Summarize the content of the document without explaining the relevance of this to the point of view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“The author of Document 3 argues that monopolies are bad.”</i> 	<p>Responses that earn this point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 that addresses the prompt for each of the two documents sourced. <p>Example of acceptable explanation of the relevance of the author’s point of view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Document 3]: <i>“As a formerly enslaved woman, Parsons understood how a small economic elite could dominate a larger group of laborers to its benefit, and therefore, she is seeking to take action to unite middle- and working-class Americans against the growing strength of monopolies.”</i> [Connects the point of view of the document relevant to an argument regarding activism’s relationship with economic inequality during the Gilded Age] <p>Example of acceptable explanation of the relevance of the author’s purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Document 5]: <i>“Kelley’s purpose was to promote purchasing union-made goods so that consumers helped to ensure that factories with good working conditions prospered while those with poor conditions failed.”</i> [Connects the purpose of the document relevant to an argument that addresses the reaction of organized labor to the changing economy] <p>Example of acceptable explanation of the relevance of the historical situation of a source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Document 7]: <i>“By the early 1900s, corporations had consolidated their power over entire industries, creating trusts that Progressive reformers such as Roosevelt sought to limit by increasing the power of the government to regulate the economy.”</i> [Connects the historical situation of the document relevant to an argument that addresses how reform movements developed in response to the changing economy of the Gilded Age] <p>Example of acceptable explanation of the relevance of the audience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Document 4]: <i>“Harrison’s audience was voters in the upcoming election, and the importance of the economy to United States society is demonstrated by the fact that he believed that he could gain a political advantage with these voters by accusing Democrats of harming the economy through their treatment of businesses.”</i> [Connects the audience of the document relevant to an argument that addresses how economic change impacted United States politics]

Row D Analysis and Reasoning Complexity	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Demonstrates a complex understanding of the historical development that is the focus of the prompt through sophisticated argumentation and/or effective use of evidence.
(0–1 points)	Decision Rules and Scoring Notes	
		<p>Responses that earn this point: May demonstrate a complex understanding through sophisticated argumentation that is relevant to the prompt. This may be done in a variety of ways, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explaining multiple themes or perspectives to explore complexity or nuance; OR Explaining multiple causes or effects, multiple similarities or differences, or multiple continuities or changes; OR Explaining both cause and effect, both similarity and difference, or both continuity and change; OR Explaining relevant and insightful connections within and across periods or geographical areas. These connections should clearly relate to an argument that responds to the prompt. <p>May demonstrate a complex understanding through effective use of evidence relevant to an argument that addresses the prompt. This may be done in a variety of ways, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effectively using seven documents to support an argument that responds to the prompt; OR Explaining how the point of view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience of at least four documents supports an argument that responds to the prompt; OR Using documents and evidence beyond the documents effectively to demonstrate a sophisticated understanding of different perspectives relevant to the prompt. <p>Demonstrating a complex understanding might include any of the following, if appropriate elaboration is provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A response may argue that the consolidation of corporations such as Standard Oil into trusts was an important factor that contributed to political change in the late nineteenth century. It then uses evidence from Documents 2 and 3 to qualify this claim. It argues that the root cause of political change at this time was the changing relationship between workers and business owners, which led to class tensions that contributed to the Populist movement and that Progressives sought to reduce through reform. [Uses documents and evidence beyond the documents to demonstrate a sophisticated understanding of different perspectives] A response may argue that the influence of the economic changes on United States society was felt most dramatically through the introduction of new industrial processes that made the production of goods easier. It then argues that in a broader view, this was just a continuation of the rise of capitalism that began during the colonial era, expanded during the market revolution before the Civil War, and continued throughout the twentieth century. [Explains relevant and insightful connections across periods] A response may argue that the most important change to the economy was the development of new industrial technologies that facilitated the growth of factories, making production more efficient and increasing the size of a working class employed by wealthy industrialists. It then goes on to argue that new business practices such as vertical and horizontal integration also made businesses operate more efficiently and further influenced the distribution of wealth in society. [Explains multiple causes]

Additional Notes:

- This complex understanding must be part of the argument and may be demonstrated in any part of the response.
- While it is not necessary for this complex understanding to be woven throughout the response, it must be more than merely a phrase or reference.
- To earn a point for complexity by using seven documents in support of an argument, there must be an attempt to use all seven documents to effectively support an argument, but the use of the documents may be unevenly or inconsistently developed, or the document use may be weaker in one or two instances.

Document Summaries

Document	Summary of Content	Explains the relevance of point of view [POV], purpose, situation, and/or audience by elaborating on examples such as:
1. Francis Vinton, sermon, 1869	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describes the successful completion of a transcontinental railroad Claims the transcontinental railroad will help unite the nation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a minister, Vinton is trying to encourage unity and cooperation. [point of view] Vinton's sermon comes shortly after the conclusion of the Civil War, which tore the nation apart. [situation]
2. Henry George, <i>Progress and Poverty</i> , 1879	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describes the growth of production in the 1800s Claims progress has not eliminated poverty Argues progress through increased wealth is not real as long as poverty still exists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through the growth and consolidation of industries and corporations, the economic benefits of industrialization were felt unevenly, resulting in the growth of a class of extremely wealthy industrialists. [situation] George sought to convince readers that more needed to be done to address poverty, as progress alone was not solving the problem. [purpose]
3. Lucy Parsons, interview, 1886	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claims that corporate monopolies are reducing the size of the middle class Argues that class conflict between owners and wage earners will increase until people change the economic system themselves Argues that strikes demonstrate that Americans are dissatisfied with wage earning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parsons tells her readers that the economic structure needs to change, arguing that industrial capitalism kept wage workers in poverty and would continue to do so, squeezing even the middle class eventually in with the working class. [purpose] The intensification of social unrest in the late 1800s, especially among industrial workers and ordinary farmers, contributed to the growth of labor unions and the Populist Party. [situation]
4. Benjamin Harrison, speech, 1894	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Argues that factories help society by providing people with work and decent wages Argues that Democratic leaders hate American industry Calls to end class hostility against industry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a former Republican president, Harrison believed that industrialists made the nation better by improving the economy and providing jobs. [point of view] Harrison sought to convince his listeners during an election campaign that it was not in the country's best interest to vote for what he calls the anti-business Democratic Party and, therefore, they should support the Republican Party. [audience]
5. M.E.J. Kelley, "The Union Label," 1897	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describes the origins of union labels Describes how union labels help consumers identify goods produced in factories that follow the law and are not sweatshops Argues that union labels help people bring ethics into commerce Argues that ethical awareness of sweatshops will lead to their end 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The article was targeted at consumers, explaining how consumers buying products with a union label could help end poor manufacturing conditions. [audience] Kelley argued that consumers had a responsibility to help ensure that labor is not done in sweatshops, arguing that consumers just support labor unions by purchasing goods with union labels. [purpose]

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<p>6. “Industrial Leadership,” 1900</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Argues that mass production, not military ventures, is the source of United States international strength Argues that engineers and managers ensure continued success of the economy Argues that industry must speak to politicians so they recognize that industry and commerce must thrive if the nation is to thrive as well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The writer wants his readers to believe that in industry, commerce, not military exploits, help lead to the success of the nation. He celebrates the training and expertise of the leaders of industry, arguing that they should take a greater role in national politics. [purpose] Around 1900, business leaders sought to influence the United States government to pursue policies that they would benefit from, especially by promoting access to markets and economic opportunities through imperialism in the Caribbean, Latin America, and eastern Asia. [situation]
<p>7. Bartholomew cartoon, 1903</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depicts Theodore Roosevelt riding a horse labeled “The Trusts” Shows Roosevelt seeking to restrain trusts with a bridle labeled “trust control laws” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The image represents an “anti-trust” point of view, criticizing the existence of trusts and supporting the efforts of government, such as those of Theodore Roosevelt, to limit their power. [point of view] By the early 1900s, the consolidation of corporations into trusts that had power over entire industries led to the growth of the Progressive movement, which advocated increased government regulation of the economy. [situation]

Question 2: Long Essay Question, British Colonies and the Environment

6 points

General Scoring Notes

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Evaluate how British colonists in the Americas adapted to their environments from 1607 to 1754.

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Row A Thesis/Claim (0–1 points)	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Responds to the prompt with a historically defensible thesis/claim that establishes a line of reasoning.
Decision Rules and Scoring Notes		
	Responses that do not earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are not historically defensible. Only restate or rephrase the prompt. Do not respond to the prompt. Do not establish a line of reasoning. Are overgeneralized. 	Responses that earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a historically defensible thesis or claim about how British colonists in the Americas adapted to their environments from 1607 to 1754. The thesis or claim must either provide some indication of the reason for making that claim OR establish categories of the argument.
	Examples that do not earn this point: Provide a restatement of the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“British colonists in the Americas adapted to their environment from 1607 to 1754.”</i> Provide a historically defensible claim, but do not establish a line of reasoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Access to rivers was important to British colonization.”</i> Provide a claim that does not respond to the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“British colonists competed with the French for access to the fur trade.”</i> 	Examples that earn this point: Establish a line of reasoning that evaluates the topic of the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“While British colonists usually settled around rivers to make trade easier, the biggest environmental factor that led to the expansion of their settlements was whether the climate allowed for the growing of cash crops like tobacco.”</i> Establish a line of reasoning that evaluates the topic of the prompt with analytic categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Access to rivers for waterpower and transportation, harbors for trade, and flood plains for agriculture were the biggest factors that influenced where British colonists settled in the Americas.”</i> Establish a line of reasoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“British colonists adapted to their environment by building their economies around the crops the soil would support.”</i> [Minimally acceptable thesis/claim]
Additional Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The thesis or claim must consist of one or more sentences located in one place, either in the introduction or the conclusion (which may not be limited to the first or last paragraphs). The thesis or claim must identify a relevant development(s) in the period, although it is not required to encompass the entire period. 		

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Row B Contextualization	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Describes a broader historical context relevant to the prompt.
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	<p>Responses that do not earn this point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an overgeneralized statement about the time period referenced in the prompt. • Provide context that is not relevant to the prompt. • Provide a passing phrase or reference. <p>Examples that do not earn this point:</p> <p>Do not provide context relevant to the topic of the prompt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Feudalism declined in Europe.”</i> <p>Provide an overgeneralized statement about the time period referenced in the prompt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Native Americans and the British fought a lot.”</i> 	<p>Responses that earn this point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurately describe a context relevant to British colonists in the Americas and their environments from 1607 to 1754. <p>Examples of relevant context that earn this point include the following, if appropriate elaboration is provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-contact Native American lifeways • Intra-European competition • Early Spanish colonization • Columbian Exchange • Early French colonization • Seven Years’ War • American Revolution <p>Example of acceptable contextualization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Competition for land and resources between British and French colonists contributed to the outbreak of the Seven Years’ War.”</i> • <i>“The Columbian Exchange brought new animals to the Americas.”</i> [Minimally acceptable contextualization]
	<p>Additional Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response must describe broader historical events, developments, or processes that occur before, during, or continue after the time frame of the question that are relevant to the topic of the prompt. • To earn this point, the context provided must be more than a phrase or reference. 	

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Row C Evidence (0–2 points)	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Provides specific examples of at least two pieces of evidence relevant to the topic of the prompt.	2 points Supports an argument in response to the prompt using at least two pieces of specific and relevant evidence.
	Decision Rules and Scoring Notes		
	Responses that do not earn points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify a single piece of evidence. Provide evidence that is not relevant to the topic of the prompt. Provide evidence that is outside the time period or region specified in the prompt. Repeat information that is specified in the prompt. Examples that do not earn points: Provide evidence that is outside the time period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“The invention of the cotton gin made cotton production more profitable.”</i> 	Responses that earn 1 point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify at least two specific historical examples relevant to British colonists in the Americas and their environments from 1607 to 1754. Examples of evidence that are specific and relevant include the following (two examples required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plantation agriculture Cash crops [e.g., tobacco, indigo] Indentured servitude Transatlantic slave trade Fur trade Early English settlements [e.g., Jamestown, Plymouth] Subsistence farming Cereal crops Staple crops Specific colonial regions [e.g., New England, middle colonies, Chesapeake, southern colonies, Caribbean] Example of a statement that earns one point for evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“In Virginia they grew lots of tobacco. Indentured servitude was a major form of labor in the Chesapeake.”</i> 	Responses that earn 2 points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use at least two specific historical examples to support an argument regarding how British colonists in the Americas adapted to their environments from 1607 to 1754. Examples that successfully support an argument with evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“The rocky soils in New England meant that farming wasn’t as profitable, so many in the region relied on shipping and trade instead.”</i> [Uses evidence to support an argument about how geography influenced how the British settled different regions] <i>“Because of heat and diseases, British plantations in the Caribbean were especially dangerous, leading to a growing demand for labor and the intensification of the Transatlantic slave trade in the region.”</i> [Uses evidence to support an argument about how climate influenced the development of slavery in the Americas] <i>“As British settlements expanded, the demand for resources as part of the fur trade resulted in intensifying tensions with Native Americans and other Europeans.”</i> [Uses evidence to support an argument about how natural resource competition resulted in conflict and tension]
	Additional Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically, statements credited as evidence will be more specific than statements credited as contextualization. If a response has a multipart argument, then it can meet the threshold of two pieces of evidence by giving one example for one part of the argument and another example for a different part of the argument, but the total number of examples must still be at least two. 		

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Row D Analysis and Reasoning (0–2 points)	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Uses historical reasoning [e.g. comparison, causation, continuity and change] to frame or structure an argument that addresses the prompt.	2 points Demonstrates a complex understanding of the historical development that is the focus of the prompt through sophisticated argumentation and/or effective use of evidence.
Decision Rules and Scoring Notes			
	Responses that do not earn points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May include evidence but offer no reasoning to connect the evidence to an argument. May assert the use of historical reasoning but does not use it to frame or structure an argument. Examples that do not earn points: May include evidence but offer no reasoning to connect the evidence to an argument <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Sugar cane and rum were major exports from the British colonies in the Caribbean.”</i> 	Responses that earn 1 point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must demonstrate the use of historical reasoning to frame or structure an argument about how British colonists in the Americas adapted to their environments from 1607 to 1754. The reasoning might be uneven or imbalanced, or the evidence may be overly general or lacking specificity. Using a historical reasoning process to frame or structure an argument could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explaining how the intensification of cash crop agriculture contributed to the shift from indentured servitude to chattel slavery. Explaining long-term continuities in the ways climate dictated which plants could be grown. Example of acceptable use of historical reasoning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Because their climate was very similar to that of Europe, many of the middle colonies succeeded by growing European grain crops.”</i> [Indicates an effect of climate on the growth of European crops in the Americas] 	Responses that earn 2 points: May demonstrate a complex understanding through sophisticated argumentation that is relevant to the prompt. This may be done in a variety of ways, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explaining multiple themes or perspectives to explore complexity or nuance; OR Explaining multiple causes or effects, multiple similarities or differences, or multiple continuities or changes; OR Explaining both cause and effect, both similarity and difference, or both continuity and change; OR Explaining relevant and insightful connections within and across periods or geographical areas. These connections should clearly relate to an argument that responds to the prompt. May demonstrate a complex understanding through effective use of evidence relevant to an argument that addresses the prompt. This may be done in a variety of ways that might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explaining how multiple pieces of specific and relevant evidence [at least four] support a nuanced or complex argument that responds to the prompt; OR Using evidence effectively to demonstrate a sophisticated understanding of different perspectives relevant to the prompt. Demonstrating a complex understanding might include any of the following, if appropriate elaboration is provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A response may argue that the availability of agricultural land in Virginia and the Carolinas was the primary factor for British settlement in the region, while access to harbors for trade was more important in New England. [Explains relevant and insightful connections across geographical areas] A response may argue that the introduction of particular European crops to the Americas made British settlement profitable within North America. It then qualifies the argument with evidence that the transatlantic trade of cash crops from the Americas was the main economic driver in the region. [Explains multiple causes] A response may argue that agricultural expansion due to the availability of land was the primary driver for migration from Britain to

			the Americas. It then qualifies the argument with evidence of religious toleration and independence in the Middle Colonies and New England as major contributors. [Explains multiple causes]
	Additional Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To earn the first point for analysis and reasoning, the response must use historical reasoning to structure a response to the prompt, although the reasoning might be uneven or imbalanced, or the evidence may be overly general or lacking in specificity.• This complex understanding must be part of the argument and may be demonstrated in any part of the response.• While it is not necessary for this complex understanding to be woven throughout the response, it must be more than merely a phrase or reference.		

Question 3: Long Essay Question, Sectional Tensions and U.S. Society

6 points

General Scoring Notes

- Except where otherwise noted, each point of these rubrics is earned independently; for example, a student could earn a point for evidence without earning a point for thesis/claim.
- **Accuracy:** The components of these rubrics require that students demonstrate historically defensible content knowledge. Given the timed nature of the exam, essays may contain errors that do not detract from their overall quality, as long as the historical content used to advance the argument is accurate.
- **Clarity:** Exam essays should be considered first drafts and thus may contain grammatical errors. Those errors will not be counted against a student unless they obscure the successful demonstration of the content knowledge, skills, and practices described below.

Evaluate how sectional tensions shaped United States society from 1800 to 1848.

Reporting Category	Scoring Criteria	
Row A Thesis/Claim (0–1 points)	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Responds to the prompt with a historically defensible thesis/claim that establishes a line of reasoning.
Decision Rules and Scoring Notes		
	Responses that do not earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are not historically defensible. Only restate or rephrase the prompt. Do not respond to the prompt. Do not establish a line of reasoning. Are overgeneralized. 	Responses that earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a historically defensible thesis or claim about how sectional tensions shaped United States society from 1800 to 1848. The thesis or claim must either provide some indication of the reason for making that claim OR establish categories of the argument.
	Examples that do not earn this point: Provide a restatement of the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Sectional tensions shaped United States society from 1800 to 1848.”</i> Provide a historically defensible claim, but do not establish a line of reasoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Sectional tensions were high during this time.”</i> Provide a claim that is not historically defensible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“By the mid-1800s, major sectional differences had been resolved.”</i> 	Examples that earn this point: Establish a line of reasoning that evaluates the topic of the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Sectional tensions over slavery and economic development led to a growing divide between the South, and the North and West.”</i> Establish a line of reasoning that evaluates the topic of the prompt with analytic categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Sectional tensions had political and social effects, such as in the development of third parties and the growth in divides within reform movements.”</i> Establish a line of reasoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Sectional tensions over slavery divided United States society between 1800 and 1848.”</i> [Minimally acceptable thesis/claim]
Additional Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The thesis or claim must consist of one or more sentences located in one place, either in the introduction or the conclusion (which may not be limited to the first or last paragraphs). The thesis or claim must identify a relevant development(s) in the period, although it is not required to encompass the entire period. 		

Reporting Category	Scoring Criteria	
Row B Contextualization (0–1 points)	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Describes a broader historical context relevant to the prompt.
	Decision Rules and Scoring Notes	
	Responses that do not earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an overgeneralized statement about the time period referenced in the prompt. • Provide context that is not relevant to the prompt. • Provide a passing phrase or reference. Examples that do not earn this point: Do not provide context relevant to the topic of the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“People found a lot of religion during the First Great Awakening.”</i> Provide a passing phrase or reference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Sectionalism was part of United States society.”</i> 	Responses that earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurately describe a context relevant to sectional tensions and United States society from 1800 to 1848. Examples of relevant context that earn this point include the following, if appropriate elaboration is provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transatlantic slave trade • Various colonial regions • American Revolution • Constitutional Convention • Northwest Ordinance • Manifest Destiny • Republican Party • Abraham Lincoln • Civil War Example of acceptable contextualization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“The Northwest Ordinance set a precedent for which regions slavery could and could not expand into in the future.”</i> • <i>“Slavery was an ongoing and heavily debated topic during the Constitutional Convention.”</i> [Minimally acceptable contextualization]
	Additional Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response must describe broader historical events, developments, or processes that occur before, during, or continue after the time frame of the question that are relevant to the topic of the prompt. • To earn this point, the context provided must be more than a phrase or reference. 	

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Row C Evidence (0–2 points)	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Provides specific examples of at least two pieces of evidence relevant to the topic of the prompt.	2 points Supports an argument in response to the prompt using at least two pieces of specific and relevant evidence.
	Decision Rules and Scoring Notes		
	Responses that do not earn points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify a single piece of evidence. Provide evidence that is not relevant to the topic of the prompt. Provide evidence that is outside the time period or region specified in the prompt. Repeat information that is specified in the prompt. Examples that do not earn points: Repeat information that is specified in the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“There was sectional tension in the United States.”</i> 	Responses that earn 1 point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify at least two specific historical examples relevant to sectional tensions and United States society from 1800 to 1848. Examples of evidence that are specific and relevant include the following (two examples required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation infrastructure [e.g., turnpikes, canals, railroads, and steamboats] Northern industrialization / Southern plantation economy Specific political parties [Federalists, Democratic-Republicans, Whigs, etc.] Institution of slavery Abolitionism Frederick Douglass William Lloyd Garrison Market revolution Second Bank of the United States President Andrew Jackson Nullification Crisis Henry Clay / American System Nativism Missouri Compromise [1820] Annexation of Texas Mexican-American War Example of a statement that earns one point for evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Many southern states opposed a variety of federal policies like the Second Bank of the United States. Southern states also argued against attempts to restrict the expansion of slavery.”</i> 	Responses that earn 2 points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use at least two specific historical examples to support an argument regarding how sectional tensions shaped United States society from 1800 to 1848. Examples that successfully support an argument with evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Sectional tensions regarding slavery led to the growth of abolitionist organizations and newspapers, such as The Liberator by William Lloyd Garrison.”</i> [Uses evidence to support an argument about the effect of sectional tensions on reform organizations and movements] <i>“Regional divisions within the Whig Party over the expansion of slavery resulted in the party beginning to collapse during the 1840s, as it lost support to the newly formed Free Soil Party, which sought to restrict slavery from western territories.”</i> [Uses evidence to support an argument about the impact of sectional tensions on the dissolution of political parties] <i>“During the Nullification Crisis, Southern Democrats argued that states had the right to nullify federal laws that they didn’t like, and this led to a major confrontation over the ‘Tariff of Abominations’.”</i> [Uses evidence to support an argument about how sectional tensions regarding federal power led to political controversies]

	<p>Additional Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Typically, statements credited as evidence will be more specific than statements credited as contextualization.• If a response has a multipart argument, then it can meet the threshold of two pieces of evidence by giving one example for one part of the argument and another example for a different part of the argument, but the total number of examples must still be at least two.
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Row D Analysis and Reasoning (0-2 points)	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Uses historical reasoning [e.g. comparison, causation, continuity and change] to frame or structure an argument that addresses the prompt.	2 points Demonstrates a complex understanding of the historical development that is the focus of the prompt through sophisticated argumentation and/or effective use of evidence.
Decision Rules and Scoring Notes			
	Responses that do not earn points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May include evidence but offer no reasoning to connect the evidence to an argument. May assert the use of historical reasoning but does not use it to frame or structure an argument. 	Responses that earn 1 point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must demonstrate the use of historical reasoning to frame or structure an argument about how sectional tensions shaped United States society from 1800 to 1848. The reasoning might be uneven or imbalanced, or the evidence may be overly general or lacking specificity. 	Responses that earn 2 points: May demonstrate a complex understanding through sophisticated argumentation that is relevant to the prompt. This may be done in a variety of ways, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explaining multiple themes or perspectives to explore complexity or nuance; OR Explaining multiple causes or effects, multiple similarities or differences, or multiple continuities or changes; OR Explaining both cause and effect, both similarity and difference, or both continuity and change; OR Explaining relevant and insightful connections within and across periods or geographical areas. These connections should clearly relate to an argument that responds to the prompt. May demonstrate a complex understanding through effective use of evidence relevant to an argument that addresses the prompt. This may be done in a variety of ways that might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explaining how multiple pieces of specific and relevant evidence [at least four] support a nuanced or complex argument that responds to the prompt; OR Using evidence effectively to demonstrate a sophisticated understanding of different perspectives relevant to the prompt.
	Examples that do not earn points: Provide evidence but offer no reasoning to connect the evidence to an argument <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Henry Clay advocated for the American System.”</i> 	Using a historical reasoning process to frame or structure an argument could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explaining how sectional tensions related to the economy shaped society, specifically those involving slavery, which increased over the course of the period, culminating in sharp divisions over the Mexican American War. Explaining how sectional tensions over slavery shaped approaches to reform movements in the North and the South. Example of acceptable use of historical reasoning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Sectional tensions related to the expansion of slavery remained constant throughout this period, as the harsh political debates over the Missouri</i> 	Demonstrating a complex understanding might include any of the following, if appropriate elaboration is provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A response may argue that sectional tensions shaped the economic development of United States by pointing out the differences between the industrializing North and the plantation economy of the South. It then qualifies that claim by explaining how even though sectional tensions contributed to economic differences, the dependency of those regions on each other’s products also had the effect of reducing sectionalism in parts of society. [Explains multiple effects] A response may argue that sectional tensions over slavery led to debates between groups that advocated for the expansion of slavery and groups that advocated for “free soil.” It then provides evidence that industrialization in the North also contributed to regional

	<i>Compromise and the Mexican Cession demonstrate.” [Indicates a continuity in the effects of sectional tension over the period]</i>	<p>economic differences that also impacted sectional tensions. [Explains both cause and effect]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A response may argue that sectional tensions had varied effects during this period as political parties such as the Whigs and the Democrats tried to keep the country unified, but the emergence of new third parties in the 1840s, such as the Free Soil Party at the very end of the period, further drove sectional tensions. [Explains both continuity and change]
Additional Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To earn the first point for analysis and reasoning, the response must use historical reasoning to structure a response to the prompt, although the reasoning might be uneven or imbalanced, or the evidence may be overly general or lacking in specificity.• This complex understanding must be part of the argument and may be demonstrated in any part of the response.• While it is not necessary for this complex understanding to be woven throughout the response, it must be more than merely a phrase or reference.		

Question 4: Long Essay Question, Late Twentieth Century Economic Changes

6 points

General Scoring Notes

- Except where otherwise noted, each point of these rubrics is earned independently; for example, a student could earn a point for evidence without earning a point for thesis/claim.
- **Accuracy:** The components of these rubrics require that students demonstrate historically defensible content knowledge. Given the timed nature of the exam, essays may contain errors that do not detract from their overall quality, as long as the historical content used to advance the argument is accurate.
- **Clarity:** Exam essays should be considered first drafts and thus may contain grammatical errors. Those errors will not be counted against a student unless they obscure the successful demonstration of the content knowledge, skills, and practices described below.

Evaluate how United States society responded to economic changes from 1960 to 2000.

Reporting Category	Scoring Criteria	
Row A Thesis/Claim (0–1 points)	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Responds to the prompt with a historically defensible thesis/claim that establishes a line of reasoning.
Decision Rules and Scoring Notes		
	Responses that do not earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are not historically defensible. Only restate or rephrase the prompt. Do not respond to the prompt. Do not establish a line of reasoning. Are overgeneralized. 	Responses that earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a historically defensible thesis or claim about how United States society responded to economic changes from 1960 to 2000. The thesis or claim must either provide some indication of the reason for making that claim OR establish categories of the argument.
	Examples that do not earn this point: Provide a restatement of the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“The United States responded to economic changes from 1960 to 2000.”</i> Provide a historically defensible claim, but do not establish a line of reasoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“The United States competed in the global economy in many ways after 1960.”</i> Are not historically defensible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“After WWII the United States returned to a policy of economic isolationism.”</i> 	Examples that earn this point: Establish a line of reasoning that evaluates the topic of the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“United States society shifted towards a heavier reliance on technology due to changes in the economy between 1960 and 2000.”</i> Establish a line of reasoning that evaluates the topic of the prompt with analytic categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Americans responded to the shift from an industrial to service economy in the late 1900s by moving from the industrial Midwest to the Sun Belt and by developing new technologies to fuel their new economy.”</i> Establish a line of reasoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Americans got new and different types of jobs as factories became less common during this period.”</i> [Minimally acceptable thesis/claim]
Additional Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The thesis or claim must consist of one or more sentences located in one place, either in the introduction or the conclusion (which may not be limited to the first or last paragraphs). The thesis or claim must identify a relevant development(s) in the period, although it is not required to encompass the entire period. 		

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Row B Contextualization	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Describes a broader historical context relevant to the prompt.
(0–1 points)	Decision Rules and Scoring Notes	
	<p>Responses that do not earn this point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an overgeneralized statement about the time period referenced in the prompt. • Provide context that is not relevant to the prompt. • Provide a passing phrase or reference. <p>Examples that do not earn this point:</p> <p>Do not provide context relevant to the topic of the prompt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“The 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920.”</i> <p>Provide an overgeneralized statement about the time period referenced in the prompt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“The economy changed a lot during the 1900s.”</i> 	<p>Responses that earn this point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurately describe a context relevant to economic changes and United States society from 1960 to 2000. <p>Examples of relevant context that earn this point include the following, if appropriate elaboration is provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gilded Age • Progressive Era • Great Depression / New Deal • Second World War • Postwar economic boom • September 11 terrorist attacks • War on terror <p>Example of acceptable contextualization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Following the introduction of New Deal programs in the 1930s and 1940s, the critiques of the welfare state increased in the postwar period.”</i> • <i>“The United States experienced a postwar economic boom in the 1950s.”</i> [Minimally acceptable contextualization]
	<p>Additional Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response must describe broader historical events, developments, or processes that occur before, during, or continue after the time frame of the question that are relevant to the topic of the prompt. • To earn this point, the context provided must be more than a phrase or reference. 	

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Row C Evidence (0–2 points)	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Provides specific examples of at least two pieces of evidence relevant to the topic of the prompt.	2 points Supports an argument in response to the prompt using at least two pieces of specific and relevant evidence.
	Decision Rules and Scoring Notes		
	<p>Responses that do not earn points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify a single piece of evidence. Provide evidence that is not relevant to the topic of the prompt. Provide evidence that is outside the time period or region specified in the prompt. Repeat information that is specified in the prompt. <p>Examples that do not earn points:</p> <p>Provide evidence that is outside the time period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“After World War II the United States became the economic leader of the free world.”</i> 	<p>Responses that earn 1 point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify at least two specific historical examples relevant to economic changes and United States society from 1960 to 2000. <p>Examples of evidence that are specific and relevant include the following (two examples required):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cold War Deindustrialization Military-industrial complex Suburbanization Oil crisis Rust Belt Sun Belt North American Free Trade Agreement [NAFTA] Liberalism Lyndon Johnson Great Society / War on Poverty Stagflation Economic inequality Conservatism Ronald Reagan Specific technologies [e.g., computers, cell phones, the Internet] <p>Example of a statement that earns one point for evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“During the 1980s, some Americans argued that they should shrink the welfare state, while also increasing spending on defense during the Cold War.”</i> 	<p>Responses that earn 2 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use at least two specific historical examples to support an argument regarding how United States society responded to economic changes from 1960 to 2000. <p>Examples that successfully support an argument with evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“New technologies like computers helped shift the United States further into a service economy that allowed for the growth of white-collar jobs but also made it more difficult for non-college educated workers to reach the middle class.”</i> [Uses evidence to support an argument about the ways economic change shaped class in the United States between 1960 and 2000] <i>“The United States joined Mexico and Canada in signing the North American Free Trade Agreement [NAFTA] in 1992, establishing a regional free trade alliance to help compete in the global economy, allowing businesses to open up new markets for American technologies.”</i> [Uses evidence to support an argument about how the United States turned to free trade as a way to compete in an increasingly globalized economy] <i>“The economic growth of the suburbs and the Sun Belt reoriented the United States economy, and changed the places where people lived and found jobs.”</i> [Uses evidence to support an argument about how regional economic growth shaped United States society]
	<p>Additional Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically, statements credited as evidence will be more specific than statements credited as contextualization. If a response has a multipart argument, then it can meet the threshold of two pieces of evidence by giving one example for one part of the argument and another example for a different part of the argument, but the total number of examples must still be at least two. 		

Reporting Category	Scoring Criteria		
Row D Analysis and Reasoning (0–2 points)	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Uses historical reasoning [e.g., comparison, causation, continuity and change] to frame or structure an argument that addresses the prompt.	2 points Demonstrates a complex understanding of the historical development that is the focus of the prompt through sophisticated argumentation and/or effective use of evidence.
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	Responses that do not earn points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May include evidence but offer no reasoning to connect the evidence to an argument. May assert the use of historical reasoning but does not use it to frame or structure an argument. Examples that do not earn points: Provide reasoning but do not address the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“World War II helped expand the military-industrial complex in the United States.”</i> 	Responses that earn 1 point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must demonstrate the use of historical reasoning to frame or structure an argument about how United States society responded to economic changes from 1960 to 2000. The reasoning might be uneven or imbalanced, or the evidence may be overly general or lacking specificity. Using a historical reasoning process to frame or structure an argument could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing the economic changes resulting from the introduction of the Internet and a globalized digital economy. Explaining how the end of the Cold War shifted economic interests in the United States. Example of acceptable use of historical reasoning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“The Oil Crisis of the late 1970s illustrated how the United States’ increasing integration in a globalized economy affected ordinary citizens.”</i> [Indicates a continuity in the United States involvement in an intricately connected global economy] 	Responses that earn 2 points: May demonstrate a complex understanding through sophisticated argumentation that is relevant to the prompt. This may be done in a variety of ways, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explaining multiple themes or perspectives to explore complexity or nuance; OR Explaining multiple causes or effects, multiple similarities or differences, or multiple continuities or changes; OR Explaining both cause and effect, both similarity and difference, or both continuity and change; OR Explaining relevant and insightful connections within and across periods or geographical areas. These connections should clearly relate to an argument that responds to the prompt. May demonstrate a complex understanding through effective use of evidence relevant to an argument that addresses the prompt. This may be done in a variety of ways that might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explaining how multiple pieces of specific and relevant evidence [at least four] support a nuanced or complex argument that responds to the prompt; OR Using evidence effectively to demonstrate a sophisticated understanding of different perspectives relevant to the prompt. Demonstrating a complex understanding might include any of the following, if appropriate elaboration is provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A response may argue that Americans welcomed the new economic opportunities of the growth of the Sun Belt. It then qualifies the argument by illustrating how Rust Belt communities and leaders struggled with deindustrialization and migration and capital flight to the Sun Belt. [Explains multiple perspectives] A response may argue that the United States shifted from an industrial economy to a post-industrial economy. It then qualifies that argument by arguing that the United States continued to manufacture some goods related to national security in the defense and aerospace industries. [Explains continuity and change]

Additional Notes:

- To earn the first point for analysis and reasoning, the response must use historical reasoning to structure a response to the prompt, although the reasoning might be uneven or imbalanced, or the evidence may be overly general or lacking in specificity.
- This complex understanding must be part of the argument and may be demonstrated in any part of the response.

While it is not necessary for this complex understanding to be woven throughout the response, it must be more than merely a phrase or reference.