History Essay Grading Rubric

Evaluation	Emerging 34% of Points	Developing 67% of Points	Mastering 100% of Points
Formatting/ Submission 30 Points	 Incorrect font and font size. The paper is not double spaced. Does not meet the word count. 	 Has the correct font or font size but not both. The paper is double spaced. Is close to but does not exceed the word count. 	 Has the correct font and font size. The paper is double spaced. Meets or exceeds the word count. Submitted to the correct place.
Thesis 30 Points	The paper lacks a thesis statement or introductory sentence.	 The position of the writer is not immediately identifiable. The thesis sentence almost looks like a shopping list with too much descriptive language. The thesis is close to or is in the appropriate place. 	 The argument of the paper is established in clear and concise wording. The thesis is in the appropriate place of the paper.
Organization 10 Points	The paper does not contain paragraphs or structure.	 The paper has some paragraphs but lacks structure or is out of order. Each paragraph contains at least, or close to, four sentences. 	 The paper is organized into five paragraphs. Each paragraph contains at least four sentences or more.
Academic Voice & Grammar	The paper does not have a consistent academic voice and uses first person in places.	The paper mostly stays in third person but sometimes uses second person.	 The paper stays in third person. The paper is always in the past tense.

10 Points	The paper switches between multiple tenses.	 The paper is mostly in past tense but does have some places that are not consistent. 	
Development 10 Points	 The thesis is stated but is never referenced again after the introduction. The argument or position of the paper is never established. 	 The thesis is minimally developed further in the paper. The paper has an argument or point but rarely factually supports it or develops it. 	 Develops the thesis throughout the paper. The paper develops an argument or point and sticks to it, developing it further with facts.
Quotation & Citation (When necessary)	 The paper may or may not contain a bibliography. Quotations and citations are used but not explained and do not fit into the overall picture of the paper. Some nonacademic sources are cited. 	 The paper contains a bibliography, but it has formatting mistakes. Citations are used properly for the majority of the paper and have a corresponding footnote. Quotations and citations are explained but sometimes do not flow with the rest of the paper. Only academic sources are used. 	 The paper contains a bibliography that is correctly formatted. Each citation is used correctly with a corresponding footnote. Quotations and citations are explained and integrated seamlessly in the paper. Good academic sources are used.