# US History Writing Rubric

**Name:** _____

**Assignment Title:**
**Due:**

*Check traits scored for this assignment.  Not all traits will be scored on every student writing sample.*

**√ = Element present at proficient level.  For proficiency, each bolded criteria must be checked.**

## 1) IDEAS/CONTENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | 5 | Point of view is focused and specific. |
| | 5 | Ideas are clear, focused, and relevant to topic. |
| | 5 | Elaboration of ideas critical thinking (analysis, synthesis, evaluation, reflection). |
| | 5 | Evidence is related to the main idea. |
| | 5 | Evidence is accurate and supported by source materials, if provided or used. |
| | 5 | Specific details which relate to the big ideas |
| | 5 | Ideas are elaborated upon with specific information |
| | | SUBTOTAL FOR IDEAS/CONTENT (35) |

☐ **Proficient**   ☐ **Non-Proficient**

## 2) ORGANIZATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | 5 | Progression of ideas is logical and effective. |
| | 5 | Transitions vary and connect ideas, sentences, and paragraphs. |
| | 5 | Ideas/content and organization of paragraphs is coherent. |
| | | SUBTOTAL FOR ORGANIZATION (15) |

☐ **Proficient**   ☐ **Non-Proficient**

## 3) Introduction & Thesis Statement

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | 10 | Engaging and Informative Thesis |
| | 10 | Contains Appropriate Big Ideas |
| | 5 | Includes Specific Ideas related to the Thesis |
| | 5 | Appropriate response to question |
| | | SUBTOTAL FOR Introduction and Thesis (30) |

☐ **Proficient**   ☐ **Non-Proficient**

## 4) CONVENTIONS

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|---|---|
| **SPELLING** | ○ Proficient |
| | ○ Non-proficient |
| **PUNCTUATION** | ○ Proficient |
| | ○ Non-proficient |
| **CAPITALIZATION** | ○ Proficient |
| | ○ Non-proficient |
| **GRAMMAR/USAGE** | ○ Proficient |
| | ○ Non-proficient |

20 Points

## 5) Historical Accuracy/Information

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | 5 | Information relates to the question. |
| | 5 | Historical content is accurate and complete |
| | 5 | Big ideas are included and elaborated upon |
| | 5 | Specific details are included |
| | 5 | Demonstrates an understanding of historical events |
| | | SUBTOTAL FOR Historical Accuracy & Information (25) |

☐ **Proficient**   ☐ **Non-Proficient**

Total Points Available  125

Total Points Earned  _____

Final Letter Grade  _____