

## “Using” Documents for the AP World History DBQ

Students often ask, “How many documents do I have to use for the DBQ?” Well, there is no simple answer, because there are four different Rubric categories that require students to “use” documents, each for a different purpose, and each Rubric category requires the “use” of a different number of documents.

Rubric Category	Official Description	Shorthand Description	Cognitive Skill or Habit of Mind	Required Number of Documents
2	Addresses all of the documents and demonstrates understanding of all or all but one.	Meaning	Acknowledging Existence of Evidence	Must <i>attempt</i> to understand <b>all</b> documents. (cannot ignore or leave out any document)
			Reading Comprehension	Must <i>correctly</i> understand <b>all but one</b> document.
3	Supports thesis with appropriate evidence from all or all but one document.	Evidence	Construct and evaluate arguments using evidence to make plausible arguments.	All or all but one document = 2 pts ----- All but two docs = 1 pt
4	Analyzes point of view in at least two documents.	POV	Develop the skills necessary to analyze point of view, context, and to understand and interpret information.	No less than 2 (but minimum could be more)
5	Analyzes documents by grouping them in two or three ways, depending on the question.	Grouping	Analysis	No less than 2 (but minimum could be 3)