AP History LEQ Rubric (6 points)

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| Reporting Category | Scoring Criteria | Decision Rules |
| A. Thesis/Claim  (0-1 pt) | 1 pt. Responds to the prompt with a historically defensible thesis/claim that establishes a line of reasoning. | To earn point, the thesis must make a claim that responds to the prompt, rather than merely restating or rephrasing the prompt. The thesis must consist of one or more sentences located in one place, either in the introduction or conclusion. |
| B. Contextualization  (0-1 pt) | Describes a broader historical context relevant to the prompt. | To earn point, the response must relate the topic of the prompt to broader historical events, developments, or processes that occur before, during, or continue after the time frame of the question. This point is not awarded for merely a phrase or a reference. |
| C. Evidence  (0-2 pts) | 1 pt. Provides specific examples of evidence relevant to the topic of the prompt.  OR  2 pts. Supports an argument in response to the prompt using specific and relevant examples of evidence. | To earn one point, the response must identify specific historical examples of evidence relevant to the topic of the prompt.  To earn two points, the response must use specific historical evidence to support an argument in response to the prompt. |
| D. Analysis and Reasoning  (0-2 pts) | 1 pt. Uses historical reasoning (e.g. comparison, causation, CCOT) to frame or structure an argument that addresses the prompt.  OR  2 pts. 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. | To earn the first point, the response must demonstrate the use of historical reasoning to frame or structure an argument, although the reasoning might be uneven or imbalanced.  To earn the second point, the response must demonstrate a complex understanding. This can be accomplished 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 connection within and across periods. * Confirming the validity of an argument by corroborating multiple perspectives across themes. |