

DBQ Module:

Evidence Beyond The Documents

Notes

Rubric Commentary

Uses at least one additional piece of the specific historical evidence (beyond that found in the documents) relevant to an argument about the prompt. To earn this point, the response must describe the evidence and must use more than a phrase or reference. This additional piece of evidence must be different from the evidence used to earn the point for contextualization

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Examples of EBD

Prompt
(AP World)

“Evaluate the extent to which the Portuguese transformed maritime trade in the Indian Ocean in the sixteenth century.”

Unsuccessful use of EVIDENCE BEYOND THE DOCUMENTS:

There were other empires besides the Ottomans that stopped Portuguese influence from extending too far.

NOTES: Somewhat connected to the prompt, but no specific evidence mentioned.

Successful use of EVIDENCE BEYOND THE DOCUMENTS:

Much like the Ottoman Empire, the Safavid Empire of Iran was a major Muslim state whose power served as a check to Portuguese expansion in the Indian Ocean region. The Safavids went so far as to go to war with the Portuguese in order to curtail their growing influence in the Indian Ocean trade.

Prompt
(APUSH)

“Evaluate the relative importance of different causes for the expanding role of the United States in the world in the period from 1865 to 1910.”

Unsuccessful use of EVIDENCE BEYOND THE DOCUMENTS:

“The result of Josiah’s saying was Manifest Destiny. This westward expansion would create new states and territories, importantly also creating the Missouri Compromise.”

NOTES: Mentions evidence by name (specific) but the usage is historically inaccurate and it’s not connected to the argument about imperial expansion.

Successful use of EVIDENCE BEYOND THE DOCUMENTS:

“Newspapers had risen in popularity among the public, a majority who could read, and many companies competed to attract the public’s attention. Yellow journalism created outrageous attitudes with dramatized accounts of Spanish mistreatment of the Cubans.”

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Examples of EBD

Prompt
(AP Euro)

“Evaluate whether or not the Catholic Church in the 1600s was opposed to new ideas in science.”

Unsuccessful use of EVIDENCE BEYOND THE DOCUMENTS:

“The Catholic Church also rejected Galileo’s ideas.”

NOTES: Mentions evidence by name but doesn’t define what those ideas are or how they’re relevant to the argument.

Successful use of EVIDENCE BEYOND THE DOCUMENTS:

“Furthermore, Galileo was imprisoned by the Catholic Church for his ‘heretical’ ideas, which implies that the Church feared that his new ideas regarding science would eventually lead to the deterioration of power held by the Catholic Church.”