

HIST 2020 Homework Rubric: Paragraph

	<i>Excellent (A/A-)</i>	<i>Good (B+/B/B-)</i>	<i>Fair (C+/C/C-)</i>	<i>Poor (D+/D/F)</i>
<i>Interpretation (30 points)</i>	<i>27-30 points</i> Answer to question is original, insightful, and convincing.	<i>24-27 points</i> Answer to question is reasonable and convincing.	<i>21-24 points</i> Answer to question is reasonable, but a bit vague or superficial.	<i>0-21 points</i> Answer to the question is unclear, incoherent, and/or unconvincing.
<i>Reasoning and use of evidence (30 points)</i>	<i>27-30 points</i> Reasoning behind interpretation is thoroughly, convincingly, and clearly explained using ample evidence. Reasoning reveals a sophisticated understanding of the content covered in the course so far.	<i>24-27 points</i> Reasoning behind interpretation is fairly clearly and convincingly explained using evidence. Reasoning reflects a solid understanding of the content covered in the course so far.	<i>21-24 points</i> Reasoning behind interpretation has some merit, but it is also occasionally unclear, shallow, and/or unconvincing. Uses little evidence. Reasoning suggests minimal engagement and/or understanding of the content covered in the course so far.	<i>0-21 points</i> Paragraph does not provide coherent reasoning behind its interpretation.
<i>Focus and organization (20 points)</i>	<i>18-20 points</i> Topic sentence states the main idea of the paragraph. Body of the paragraph explains that point clearly and concisely. Each sentence advances the argument of the paragraph. Each sentence leads to the next in order to fully develop and explain the main idea.	<i>16-18 points</i> Topic sentence states the main idea of the paragraph. Body of the paragraph explains that point. Most sentences advance the argument of the paragraph, but a few may stray slightly off-topic. Most sentences are organized so as to logically lead the reader from one idea to the next.	<i>14-16 points</i> Topic sentence states the main idea of the paragraph. Body of paragraph meanders off that main point quite a bit, and/or does not systematically advance that main point.	<i>0-14 points</i> Topic sentence does not state the main idea of the paragraph, or does not state it fully. Body of the paragraph does not adequately explain that point. Sentences are frequently off-topic and/or disorganized.
<i>Mechanics and clarity of writing (20 points)</i>	<i>18-20 points</i> Writing is clear and accessible. Author uses clean and correct grammar and uses words correctly. Author introduces all evidence.	<i>16-18 points</i> Writing is reasonably clear and accessible. Author uses mostly correct grammar and uses most words correctly. Author introduces most evidence.	<i>14-16 points</i> Writing is a bit difficult to follow. Author makes a number of mistakes in terms of grammar and word usage. Author does not introduce most evidence.	<i>0-14 points</i> Writing is unclear, with frequent poor grammar and word usage. Author does not introduce evidence.