**Grading Rubric for "Which Civilization Achieved the Most?" Essay**

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| **CRITERIA** | **3 points** | **2 points** | **1 point** | **PEER COMMENTS** | **TEACHER COMMENTS** |
| **Topic Sentence Makes a Point:**- Introduces main idea of the essay and communicates a clear point- Details the time frame and who this empire followed* Uses an interesting "hook"
 | 3requirements met | 2requirements met | 1requirement met |  |  |
| **Example, Explanation, and Evidence #1:*** **Example #1** provides details about one outstanding achievement.
* **Explanation** of the importance of the achievement and how this made a difference.
* **Evidence** may connects with other examples from history, other texts, or real-life situations
 | 3requirements met | 2requirements met | 1requirement met |  |  |
| **Example, Explanation, and Evidence #2:*** Logical **transition** to second piece of evidence
* **Example #2** provides details about another outstanding achievement
* **Explanation** of the importance of the achievement and how it made a difference.
* **Evidence** may connect the other examples from history, other texts, or real-life situations
 | 3requirements met | 2requirements met | 1requirementmet |  |  |
| **Example, Explanation, and Evidence #3:*** Logical **transition** to third piece of evidence
* **Example #3** provides details about another outstanding achievement
* **Explanation** of the importance of the achievement and how it made a difference.

**- Evidence** may connect the other  examples from history, other texts,  or real-life situations | 3requirements met | 2requirements met | 1requirementmet |  |  |
| **Supporting Sentences:*** are logical
* are relevant
* are specific to the topic
 | 3requirements met | 2requirements met | 1requirementmet |  |  |
| **Concluding Paragraph:**- restates the main idea of opening paragraph- includes the major points made in  paragraphs 2, 3, and 4. - provides a "satisfying" ending | 3requirements met | 2requirements met | 1requirement met |  |  |
| **Interesting:**- Holds readers attention- Good details and examples used- Creates a clear picture in the  reader’s mind | 3requirements met | 2requirements met | 1requirement met |  |  |
| Spelling / Punctuation / Capitalization | 3Correct throughout | 21-3 errors | 14 or more errors |  |  |
| Grammar & sentence construction | 3Correct throughout | 21-3 errors | 14 or more errors |  |  |
| **Additional Parts:**-Title-Del Mar Heading (includes name, class & period, and date)* Line spacing 1.5
* Conventional 12 pt. font
* 1 inch margins
 | 3allrequirements met | 2most requirements met | 1 fewrequirement met |  |  |

**Total Points (30 possible) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**