**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" | 3  requirements met | 2  requirements met | 1  requirement 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 | 3  requirements met | 2  requirements met | 1  requirement 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 | 3  requirements met | 2  requirements met | 1  requirement  met |  |  |
| **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 | 3  requirements met | 2  requirements met | 1  requirement  met |  |  |
| **Supporting Sentences:**   * are logical * are relevant * are specific to the topic | 3  requirements met | 2  requirements met | 1  requirement  met |  |  |
| **Concluding Paragraph:**  - restates the main idea of opening  paragraph  - includes the major points made in  paragraphs 2, 3, and 4.  - provides a "satisfying" ending | 3  requirements met | 2  requirements met | 1  requirement met |  |  |
| **Interesting:**  - Holds readers attention  - Good details and examples used  - Creates a clear picture in the  reader’s mind | 3  requirements met | 2  requirements met | 1  requirement met |  |  |
| Spelling / Punctuation / Capitalization | 3  Correct throughout | 2  1-3 errors | 1  4 or more errors |  |  |
| Grammar & sentence construction | 3  Correct throughout | 2  1-3 errors | 1  4 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 | 3  all  requirements met | 2  most requirements met | 1  few  requirement met |  |  |

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