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### **SLAVERY AND THE SOUTH: DOCUMENT BASED QUESTION**

**Reminder:** The purpose of this assignment is to demonstrate the effective use of evidence from the documents provided to respond to the assigned statement. It is good practice for the research paper. Please note, spelling and grammar mistakes are not included in the below grading sections as deductions should be assumed. Such errors will result in automatic deductions.

#### **Score : 12 points**

- \_\_\_\_ Includes a strong thesis statement which clearly identifies your opinion;
- \_\_\_\_ Is more analytical than descriptive (analyzes, evaluates, and/or creates information);
- \_\_\_\_ Incorporates relevant information from all six sources;
- \_\_\_\_ Richly supports the position with relevant facts, examples, and details;
- \_\_\_\_ Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization;
- \_\_\_\_ Sophisticated and fluid writing style which is appropriate for the task.

#### **Score of: 8-9 points**

- \_\_\_\_ Includes a thesis statement which identifies an opinion, but word choice and/or sentence structure needs to be improved;
- \_\_\_\_ Is both descriptive and analytical (applies, analyzes, evaluates, and/or creates information)
- \_\_\_\_ Incorporates relevant information from four or more sources; evidence, but may not have thoroughly supported the thesis statement or position;
- \_\_\_\_ Supports the position with relevant facts, examples, and details;
- \_\_\_\_ Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization;
- \_\_\_\_ Develops all aspects of the task but may do so somewhat unevenly;
- \_\_\_\_ Writing style is appropriate for the task.

#### **Score of 6-7 points**

- \_\_\_\_ Includes a thesis statement which is unclear and/or poorly constructed which fails to identify opinion;
- \_\_\_\_ Is more descriptive than analytical (applies, may analyze, and/or evaluate information);
- \_\_\_\_ Incorporates some relevant information from two or more documents;
- \_\_\_\_ Includes some relevant facts, examples, and details; may include some minor inaccuracies;
- \_\_\_\_ Demonstrates a satisfactory plan of organization; develops all aspects of the task with little depth or develops most aspects of the task in some depth.

#### **Score of 4-5 points**

- \_\_\_\_ Does not include a thesis statement or the construction of the thesis needs drastic improvement;
- \_\_\_\_ Is primarily descriptive; may include faulty, weak, or isolated application or analysis;
- \_\_\_\_ Incorporates limited relevant information from the documents or consists primarily of relevant information copied from the documents;
- \_\_\_\_ Minimal evidence used as evidence to support the thesis statement in each paragraph;
- \_\_\_\_ Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details; may include some inaccuracies;
- \_\_\_\_ Demonstrates a general plan of organization; may lack focus;
- \_\_\_\_ Writer does not clearly identify point of view, minimally develops all aspects of the task or develops some aspects of the task in some depth.

#### **Score of 0 points**

- \_\_\_\_ Did not complete assignment or follow instructions.