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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.