**AP World History**

**Long Essay Question (LEQ) Rubric**

* 15% of overall score
* 6 possible points
* 40 minutes writing time recommended

You will be able to choose one of three long essay questions to answer, all of which will address the same theme but will cover three different time periods (either units 1-2, units 3-4, or units 5-6).

Rubric Elements and Structure

* **Contextualization** (set the scene): At the beginning of your introductory paragraph, provide 3-4 factual sentences that relate the topic of the prompt to broader historical events, developments or processes that occur before, during or continue after the time frame of the question. In other words, answer, *“How did we get to this point?”* Be sure to connect your contextualization to your thesis.
* **Thesis**: Directly address the prompt and make a plausible argument supporting the position, with 3 body topics. Your thesis can be more than one sentence and should be placed at the end of the introductory paragraph.
* Body paragraphs: write 3-4 body paragraphs following the PEA(R) model.
  + **Evidence**: Support your essay with specific pieces of evidence.
    - 1 point for specific evidence relevant to prompt
    - 1 point for specific and relevant evidence supporting the argument presented in the thesis
  + **Analysis and reasoning**: Use the evidence to corroborate, qualify, or modify an argument that addresses the question – in other words, address the “so what” or “why this happened”
    - 1 point for basic historical reasoning (examples: comparison, causation, or changes and continuities over time)
    - 1 point for sophisticated and complex argument development
* Conclusion: briefly restate your thesis

*Sample prompt #1: Analyze causes of imperial expansion and consolidation in the period circa 600 B.C.E. to 600 C.E.*

*Sample prompt #2:* *Using specific examples, analyze causes of imperial decline and collapse in the period circa 600 B.C.E. to 600 C.E.*