

“Must Do’s” for Essay Rubrics

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	Description	Must Do's
1	Thesis	\$ Be in 1 st or last Paragraph \$ Address all “PIRATES” topics/categories in the question. (aka “Answer the Question!”)
2	Doc Meaning	\$ <i>Attempt</i> to understand all documents. (cannot ignore or leave out any document) \$ <i>Correctly interpret & analyze</i> all but one document \$ DO NOT simply restate or paraphrase the docs
3	Evidence	\$ Supports thesis w/ specific evidence from all or all but 1 doc.
4	POV	\$ Analyzes point of view in at least 3 documents. (more is better) \$ “SOAPSTone” \$ Why does this person, write or say this thing at this time? So What?
5	Analysis (Groups)	\$ Group doc’s by a shared characteristics \$ 3 Groups or more \$ Try to overlap docs to more than one group (BIG TIME BONUS)
6	Add’l Doc	\$ Identify 3 additional documents \$ Explain the need for the additional doc. \$ Explain how that missing voice would help you answer the ?