

## Essay Scoring Rubric

Score	Criteria
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Well-developed thesis directly addressing the topic.</li><li>• Excellent analysis of the topic, addressing all parts of the topic</li><li>• Outstanding grasp of historical issues raised by cartoons</li><li>• Excellent use of the primary source cartoons to demonstrate detailed knowledge.</li><li>• Extremely well organized, with a clear introduction, argument, and conclusion.</li><li>• Well written in appropriate standard English; few grammatical errors or misspellings</li></ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clear thesis addressing the topic.</li><li>• Good analysis of the topic, addressing most parts of the topic;</li><li>• Good grasp of general historical issues raised by cartoons</li><li>• Good use of primary source cartoons to demonstrate good knowledge</li><li>• Well organized, with an introduction, argument, and conclusion.</li><li>• Clearly written in appropriate standard English; some grammatical errors or misspellings</li></ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis indicates some aspect of the topic; more a restatement of than a point about the topic.</li><li>• Adequate analysis but unevenly developed.</li><li>• Some grasp of general historical issues raised by cartoons.</li><li>• Some use of the primary source cartoons to demonstrate knowledge</li><li>• Contains at least two of the following: introduction, argument, and conclusion; organization may be somewhat unclear.</li><li>• Understandable, but contains several grammatical errors or misspellings</li></ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No discernible thesis and/or serious misunderstanding of the topic.</li><li>• Descriptive rather than analytical; significant logical gaps.</li><li>• Little grasp of general historical issues raised by cartoons</li><li>• Little to no use of primary source cartoons and demonstrates little knowledge of history.</li><li>• Poorly organized: no clear introduction, argument, or conclusion.</li><li>• Pattern of grammatical errors and/or inappropriate misspellings</li></ul>