

ESSAY MARKING GUIDELINES



THE SIMPSON PRIZE

In 1200–1500 words, not including supplementary information such as contents page, references, bibliography and appendices, students write an essay in response to the topic which meets the following criteria:

CRITERIA	MARK RANGE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Addresses the question asked with a sustained argument which demonstrates clear historical understanding, with appropriate detail and accuracySupports the argument with effective use and/or analysis of at least four sources from the 2023 AWM SP Source Selection AND other relevant historical evidenceUses good written expression to present a logical, coherent and well-structured discussion within the word countUses a consistent approach to introduce and acknowledge source material	17–20
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Addresses the question asked with an argument which demonstrates sound understanding, with reasonable detail and accuracySupports the argument with some use of at least four sources from the 2023 AWM SP Source Selection AND other relevant historical evidenceUses generally good written expression to present a logical and mostly well-structured discussion within the word countUses a consistent approach to introduce and acknowledge source material	13–16
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Responds to the question with historical knowledge that is generally relevant and accurate but may be limited in detailLimited support for an argument, with some use of the 2023 AWM SP Source Selection AND/OR other relevant historical evidenceMay display some flaws in written expression and/or structureAcknowledges source material	9–12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Largely relevant information presented but lacking in detail or accuracyLargely descriptive, with limited reference to sources from the 2023 AWM SP Source Selection AND/OR other historical evidenceSignificant flaws in written expression and structureSome attempt to acknowledge source material	5–8
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Some relevant information but lacking in detail and accuracyDescriptive or generalised, with little or no reference to sourcesSignificant flaws in written expression and/or very briefLittle or no attempt to acknowledge source material	0–4

AUDIOVISUAL JUDGING GUIDELINES



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In an audiovisual presentation of no more than 10 minutes accompanied by a written explanation of up to 400 words, students prepare either a video or audio cassette in response to the topic which meets the following criteria:

Criteria	Mark range
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses the question asked with an interpretation which demonstrates clear historical understanding, with appropriate detail and accuracy Supports the interpretation with effective use and/or analysis of at least four sources from the 2023 AWM SP Source Selection AND other relevant historical evidence The presentation is an original production that combines creativity and superior technical proficiency with clear communication within the time limit Uses a consistent approach to introduce and acknowledge source material 	17–20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses the question asked with an interpretation which demonstrates sound historical understanding, with reasonable detail and accuracy Supports the interpretation with some use of at least four sources from the 2023 AWM SP Source Selection AND other relevant historical evidence The presentation is an original production that displays some creativity, technical proficiency and generally clear communication within the time limit Uses a consistent approach to introduce and acknowledge source material 	13–16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents historical information that is generally relevant and accurate but may be limited in detail Limited support for an interpretation, with some use of the 2023 AWM SP Source Selection AND/OR other relevant historical evidence Generally technically proficient but may lack originality, creativity or consistently clear communication and/or be well outside the time limit Acknowledges source material 	9–12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largely relevant information presented but lacking in detail or accuracy Little support for an interpretation, with limited reference to sources from the 2023 AWM SP Source Selection AND/OR other historical evidence Some technical flaws, limited in creativity and lacking clarity Some attempt to acknowledge source material 	5–8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some relevant information but lacking in detail and accuracy Descriptive or generalised, with little or no reference to sources Significant technical flaws, little creativity and poor communication Little or no attempt to acknowledge source material 	0–4