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Subject: Revised Generic Scoring Rubrics for the Regents Examinations in Global History and Geography and United States History and Government

With this memorandum we are providing the revised generic scoring rubrics that will be used with the Regents Examination in Global History and Geography beginning in June 2004 and the Regents Examination in United States History and Government beginning in January 2005. These revised generic scoring rubrics will form the basis for the content-specific scoring rubrics and rating guides used for the scoring of these examinations.

We have revised the rubrics to improve their overall clarity. The revisions require very little change to basic criteria of each score point. The primary changes affect the criteria for a score of three on the Document Based Question (DBQ), and a score of zero on both the Thematic and DBQ rubrics. While the changes to actual scoring criteria are minimal, Global History teachers should be aware of these changes as they prepare students for the June 2004 Regents examination. A booklet providing a detailed explanation of the changes and comparisons of the original and revised generic rubrics is attached.

The United States History and Government examinations in June 2004 and August 2004 will continue to use the original generic rubric as the basis of their rating guides. The first use of the revised scoring rubrics for the Regents Examination in United States History and Government will be in January 2005. If you have any questions about this memo or the revised rubrics, you may send them to emscassessinfo@mail.nysed.gov.

Enclosure