

**Assessment Rubric for History Program Learning Outcome #3**

*Students who complete the program in History will be able to: Critically evaluate systems around the world in their historical context.*

Criterion	Minimal Evidence (1pt)	Some Evidence (2 pts)	Sufficient Evidence (3 pts)	Exceptional Evidence (4 pts)
<b>Critically Evaluates</b>	Does not explain or understand the system; no argument; little or no critical reflection	Explains the system; does not have a clear argument; demonstrates little critical reflection	Explains the system; has an argument; demonstrates some critical reflection about the ideas/ people/ events being discussed	Clearly explains the system being evaluated; presents a strong argument; demonstrates critical reflection about and/or analysis of the ideas/people/events being discussed
<b>Context</b>	No discussion of the relationship between the historical context and the system being evaluated	Little discussion of the relationship between the historical context and the system being evaluated	Some discussion of the relationship between the historical context and the system being evaluated	Demonstrates the significance of the historical context to the system being evaluated; shows how that context influences the ideas/people/events being discussed
<b>Focus</b>	Unfocused; skips between times and places	Somewhat focused	Primarily focused on the appropriate topic, time and place	Clearly and specifically focused on the appropriate topic, time and place
<b>Evidence</b>	Little or no evidence	Limited use of specific details; does not fully support argument	Uses many details, may not fully support argument	Uses significant, specific details to support argument.
<b>Structure &amp; Writing Style (for written work only)</b>	Has frequent errors and meaning is often obscured. Lacks clear organization.	Portions are difficult to understand because of unclear word usage or grammatical errors.	Generally clear and grammatically correct. Occasional minor errors in word usage; still easy to read and follow argument.	Writing is clear and precise; words used correctly; ideas and terms explained thoroughly.