Introduction:
The format provided below is meant to serve as a formula which you will learn to complete each time you write a DBQ in AP European History. As in mathematics, when you complete the formula your “solution” will provide you with a well balanced DBQ response that will garner a consistent score of “9.”

Later, when writing the DBQ, you’ll use this numbered system to make notes in the test packet and assure that you have covered all of the tasks.

Procedure:

1. Read the question circling the “command words,” writing actions your must complete.
   List the verb(s) here: ________________________________

2. Read the question underlining the content you must discuss in your response. What topics are you to discuss?
   Write a shortened summary of the content here: _______________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________________________

3. Make a note of change over time. Does the question indicate this or do the documents show it? You will need to take a first and 2nd look at this item.
   Change over time in the Question? YES NO (circle one)
   Change over time indicated in the documents? YES NO (circle one)

4. Quickly read the documents, noting three things in the document margins:
   Potential content category (for each document): _________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________
   Bias of the author and its cause (for each document): ____________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________
   Special nuances in each document? _______________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________

5. Determine your thesis based on the evidence presented in the documents:
   ______________________________________________________________________________

6. Make sure your thesis shows some sort of analysis or a well-defined angle and covers all of the question.
   I’ve checked to include analysis and completeness in my thesis: YES NO (Circle One)
7. Create at least four groups of documents that can be used to prove your thesis. Don’t create a group that doesn’t add to your proof.

Group 1’s Topic: ____________________________________________________________
Group 1’s Document Numbers: __________________________

Group 2’s Topic: ____________________________________________________________
Group 2’s Document Numbers: __________________________

Group 3’s Topic: ____________________________________________________________
Group 3’s Document Numbers: __________________________

Group 4’s Topic: ____________________________________________________________
Group 4’s Document Numbers: __________________________

8. I used all of the documents (11/12). YES NO (Circle One)

9. I can write to address all parts of the question thoroughly. YES NO (Circle One)

10. Choose at least 4 documents where you can best describe the bias of the author OR just describe bias in your first four documents, that way you won’t fogged to do it.

   Bias # 1: Document #: _____ Reason for bias or basis of bias: ________________
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   Bias # 2: Document #: _____ Reason for bias or basis of bias: ________________
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   Bias # 3: Document #: _____ Reason for bias or basis of bias: ________________
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   Bias # 4: Document #: _____ Reason for bias or basis of bias: ________________
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11. Am I ready to add outside historical content, if so what and where will it appear in my essay? Hint: Try for the intro or within a document’s discussion.
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