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DBQ-1 point

Exam Workshop: Complexity

**Earning the Complexity
Point on the LEQ and DBQ**

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The Complexity Point:

Demonstrates a complex understanding of the historical development that is the focus of the prompt, using evidence to corroborate, qualify, or modify an argument that addresses the question.

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The Complexity Point:

A response may demonstrate a complex understanding in a variety of ways, such as:

- Explaining nuance of an issue by analyzing multiple variables
- Explaining both similarity and difference, or explaining both continuity and change, or explaining multiple causes, or explaining both cause and effect

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The Complexity Point:

A response may demonstrate a complex understanding in a variety of ways, such as:

- Explaining relevant and insightful connections within and across periods
- Confirming the validity of an argument by corroborating multiple perspectives across themes
- Qualifying or modifying an argument by considering diverse or alternative views or evidence

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The Complexity Point:

No one thing will establish that you have ‘earned’ a complexity point. There is no one sentence or paragraph that earns this point. It must be a “mastery of the topic” that you have demonstrated throughout the entire essay.

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The Complexity Point:

Known as the “unicorn point,” only approximately 1% - 4% of students earn complexity on the AP exam. For this class, the point can be earned by “impressing me with your knowledge” and is granted at a slightly higher percentage.

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As noted on the Exam:

- Use evidence to corroborate, qualify, or modify an argument that addresses the prompt.

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Complexity Objectives:

HTS-6D TSWBAT corroborate, qualify, or modify an argument using diverse and alternative evidence in order to develop a complex argument.

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Exam V Workshop: Contextualization

Corroborate, Qualify, or Modify:

- Corroborate** Support your argument by referencing other supporting historical developments or processes
- Qualify** Demonstrate the limitations of the evidence in contradiction to your argument
- Modify** Change the way the development or process is presented in order to support the argument

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Questions? Comments? Concerns?