**RSP 1 Essay Question:**
Throughout history, competition has driven, among many things, the building of empires, innovations of technology, and creation of a global economy. This assessment will require you to identify three themes to explain the role that competition has played in world history. In essay format you are to defend these themes by grouping your documents. Each group must contain evidence from the documents to support your argument. Finally, assess the role that competition continues to play in the modern world.

Your teacher will provide you with four documents; you will need to find one or more primary source documents to complete this assessment. Documents can be used more than once.

| Advanced Score 4.0 | In addition to the Proficient (3.0) performance, makes in-depth inferences and extended applications of what was learned, including connections to other experiences. | • Has clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis which shows the ability to explain the role of competition in World History. • Uses the documents to create three groups to support the thesis • Shows careful and insightful analysis of the documents • Understands the basic meaning of documents cited in essay • Uses documents persuasively as evidence • Brings in relevant “outside” historical content (inference) • Identifies a modern example of competition and explain how it drives world events |
| Proficient Score 3.0 | No major errors or omissions regarding any of the information and simple (Basic, 2.0) or complex processes (Proficient, 3.0) that was explicitly taught. | • Has an acceptable thesis which shows the ability to explain the role of competition in World History. • Uses the documents to create three groups to support the thesis • Uses the documents analytically and persuasively as evidence • Understands the basic meaning of documents cited in essay • Supports thesis with appropriate evidence from documents • Identifies a modern example of competition. |
| Basic + Score 2.5 | No major errors or omissions regarding any of the information and/or simpler details and processes (Basic, 2.0) and partial knowledge of the more complex ideas and processes (Proficient, 3.0) | • Has an acceptable thesis which connects to competition. • Uses the documents to create three groups to support the thesis • Understands the basic meaning of documents cited in essay • Supports thesis with appropriate evidence from documents |
| Below Basic Score 1.0 | A partial understanding of some of the simpler details and processes (Basic, 2.0), and some of the more complex ideas and processes. | • Has an acceptable thesis which connects to competition. • Understands the basic meaning of documents cited in essay |
| Failing Score 0 | There is insufficient evidence of student learning. |
Suggested Format:

**Paragraph One: Introduction and thesis statement**

- Introduce “competition” (define in your own words and give a personal example)
- Thesis statement: Reword the essay topic in your own words and explain what role competition has played in world history. Provide the three groups that you will be using to support your thesis.

**Paragraph Two: Theme #1**

- Identify your FIRST theme, and explain why the theme identifies the role that competition played in world history.
- Identify at least two-three documents that support theme #1
- For EACH document provide the following:
  - Historical background of the event related to the document.
  - Who wrote the document, what does the document say, when was the document written
  - Evidence from the document that supports your theme, and an explanation of the documents connection to the role that competition has played in world history.

**Paragraph Three: Theme #2**

- Identify your SECOND theme, and explain why the theme identifies the role that competition played in world history.
- Identify at least two-three documents that support theme #2
- For EACH document provide the following:
  - Historical background of the event related to the document.
  - Who wrote the document, what does the document say, when was the document written
  - Evidence from the document that supports your theme, and an explanation of the documents connection to the role that competition has played in world history.

**Paragraph Four: Theme #3**

- Identify your THIRD theme, and explain why the theme identifies the role that competition played in world history.
- Identify at least two-three documents that support theme #2
- For EACH document provide the following:
  - Historical background of the event related to the document.
  - Who wrote the document, what does the document say, when was the document written
  - Evidence from the document that supports your theme, and an explanation of the documents connection to the role that competition has played in world history.

**Paragraph Five: Conclusion**

- Restate your thesis
- Does competition still drive world history and world events? Provide a modern example.