HIS 370: Historical Object Rubric
(80 points total)

Criteria	Needs Improvement	Competent	Proficient
Summative Assessment			
Thesis	**0-1 points** Vague or absent thesis statement, unrelated to the body of the essay	**2-3 points** Imprecise Thesis Statement but related to the essay	**4-5 points** Specific and clear thesis statement related to the assignment
Sources	**0-10 points** Sources used are not appropriate (ie unapproved internet sources) or too few to support the argument, contains few or no references to the sources, no bibliography	**11-18 points** Uses primary and secondary sources but they are less than required or do not adequately support the argument/contains references and bibliography but does not use Chicago Style	**19-20 points** Demonstrates command over the use of primary and secondary sources and correct Chicago-Style formatting for notes and bibliography
Narrative	**0-10 points** Analysis relies on description of the sources rather than a specific object, misses most of the key evaluation criteria or is superficial.	**11-18 points** Analysis engages with world history through the lens of the object, lacks sufficient evidence to support the argument.	**19-20 points** Narrative demonstrates the use of an object as a specific lens to study world history
Organization and Style	**0-9 points** Writing is not clear and at times confusing or hard to follow. Transitions are awkward. Missing or incorrect quotations.	**10-13 points** Writing is generally clear and concise but has some awkward or confusing sections. Transitions are generally smooth. Quotations are not properly contextualized	**14-15 points** Writing is clear and concise. Quotations are properly contextualized and transitions are smooth. Strong introduction and conclusion
Technology	**0-1 points** Choice and/or use of technology does not support the narrative, digital skill needs improvement	**2-3 points** Choice/use of technology adequately supports narrative, shows intermediate digital skill	**4-5 points** Choice and use of technology exceptional, shows mastery of digital skill
Grammar/Mechanics	**0-9 points** Numerous spelling or grammatical errors. Informal or passive voice throughout	**10-13 points** Some spelling or grammatical errors that take away from the argument	**14-15 points** Few spelling or grammatical errors.