**How to grade an FRQ**

**Task Verbs:**

**Identify**: provide a specific answer, which does not require causal explanation

**Define:** provide a specific meaning for a word or concept

**Describe:** show understanding of a particular concept or political phenomenon

**Explain:** demonstrate understanding of how or why a relationship exists by clearly articulating the logical connection or causal pattern between or among various political phenomena

**Compare:** provide an explicit statement which connects two or more concepts

1. Begin with reading the question.
2. Examine the rubric, and imagine the responses.
3. Begin reading response
   1. Underline any specific references in the essay that match the rubric.
   2. Award the appropriate number of points in the margin.
   3. If the example is not listed on the rubric, then the response does not receive points.