

# Guns, Germs, and Steel Rubric

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade yourself on the rubric below.

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<b>EHC1</b>	<p>Written response demonstrates exceptional knowledge and understanding of Jared Diamond's theories of geographic luck including a thorough discussion of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• role domestication of plants and animals</li> <li>• How geography plays a role in global inequality</li> </ul>	<p>Written response demonstrates significant knowledge of Jared Diamond's theories of geographic luck:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• domestication of plants and animals</li> <li>• latitudinal geography</li> <li>• the impact on global inequality</li> </ul>	<p>Written response demonstrates some knowledge of Jared Diamond's theories of geographic luck:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• domestication of plants and animals</li> <li>• latitudinal geography</li> <li>• the impact on global inequality</li> </ul>	<p>Written response does not clearly demonstrate knowledge of Jared Diamond's theories of geographic luck:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• domestication of plants and animals</li> <li>• latitudinal geography</li> <li>• the impact on global inequality</li> </ul>	
<b>EHC2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student's personal opinion (claim) regarding the theories is clearly explained and supported with evidence from the video</li> <li>• Student seeks to make connections to the modern world and is reflective</li> </ul> <p>Essay has a clear organizational structure and has minimal to no spelling errors that distract from the content of the essay.</p> <p>Used the strategies - Answers showed depth of knowledge and used evidence-based terminology.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explains their personal opinion of the theories.</li> </ul> <p>Essay has an organizational pattern and has minimal grammatical errors.</p> <p>Answered the prompt though needed to be more thorough and/or to use evidence-based terminology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attempts to explain their personal opinion of the theories.</li> </ul> <p>Essay lacks organization and/or grammatical errors making reading difficult.</p> <p>Needs significant work on explaining in depth and/or using evidence-based terminology.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain their personal opinion of the theories.</li> </ul> <p>Essay lacks organization and/or grammatical errors makes reading difficult or impossible to grade.</p> <p>Answered the prompt, but explanation depth and/or evidence-based terminology were not used.</p>	



- 3) According to Diamond, livestock also plays a significant role in a civilization's ability to become rich and powerful. How did the domestication of animals help people? Give several examples of what animals provide humans.

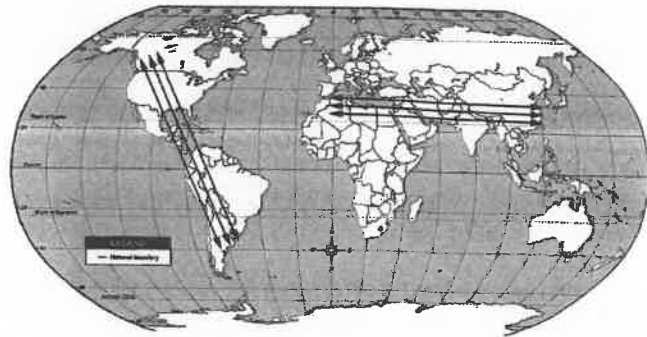
**Note:** Below are the types of domesticated animals that Diamond highlights in the film and the locations where each one can be found.

**South America** – Llama

**Asia, North Africa, Europe:** Goats, Sheep, Pigs, Cows, Horses, Donkeys, Camels, Water Buffalo, Reindeer, Yaks, Nithans, and Cattle

- 4) Time to think: Looking at the list of animals and locations above, discuss how Diamonds' theory about geographic luck applies here.

- 5) How does **latitudinal geography** help spread ideas, crops, etc.? Does longitudinal geography work the same way? Refer to the map below.



- 6) Time to think: After the film, do you agree with Diamond's theories that **geographic luck** has led to the **global inequalities** that we have today? Why or why not? Explain.



## **Guns, Germs, and Steel Essay Prompts**

After watching the film *Guns, Germs, and Steel Part I*, answer the following two items. Your first task will be to summarize Jared Diamond's theories and your second task will be to state your personal opinion as to the validity of his arguments. Use your film guide to assist you on this task.

**Part I:** Explain to a person who has not viewed the film, Jared Diamond's theories of geographic luck and its impact on global inequality. Begin your paper by discussing both underlined terms and include the following concepts to support his theories:

- A. Domestication of plants (Types of crops, storability, and nutritional value)
- B. Domestication of Animals (Types, uses, and their products)
- C. Latitudinal geography

**Part II:** Do you agree with Jared Diamond's theories that Geographic luck lead to our modern day global inequalities? Explain your stance.

**Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ at the beginning of class