

	Distinguished 5	Proficient 4	Basic 3	Unsatisfactory 0
Thesis (3)	Thesis is exceptionally clear, arguable, well developed, and a definitive statement.	Thesis is clear and arguable	Thesis is somewhat clear and arguable	Thesis is weak. Lacks an arguable position
Quality of Evidence (3)	Exceptionally researched with extreme detail, accurate with critical evidence from a wide variety of sources.	Well researched in detail with accurate and critical evidence from a variety of sources	Some aspects of paper is researched with some accurate evidence from limited sources	Limited information on topic with lack for search, detail or historically accurate evidence.
Support of Ideas/ Analysis (6)	Exceptionally critical, relevant, consistent connections among arguments, analysis and thesis/topic; excellent appropriate conclusions	Consistent connections made among analysis of evidence, arguments and thesis/topics; good and generally appropriate conclusions.	Some connections made among analysis of evidence, arguments and thesis/topic. Limited or somewhat inappropriate conclusion	Limited connections made among analysis of evidence, counterarguments, and thesis/topic. Complete lack of or inappropriate conclusions.
Organization (1)	Exceptionally clear, logical, mature, thorough presentation and development of ideas that support thesis; excellent transition between paragraphs.	Clear and logical presentation and development of ideas that support thesis; good transitions between paragraphs.	Somewhat clear and logical presentation and development of idea; adequate transitions between paragraphs	Lacks clear and logical presentation and development of ideas; weak transition between ideas and paragraphs.
Language/Conventions (1)	Very concise, clear, with consistently proper grammar, spelling and paragraphing	Clear with minimal errors in grammar, spelling and paragraphing	Periodic errors in grammar, spelling, and paragraphing	Inconsistent grammar, spelling, and paragraphing throughout paper.
In Text Citations (1)	Consistent and correct format of in text citations. All in text citations have corresponding source on reference page and vice versa.		Sometimes inconsistent or incorrect use of citations in text. Most in text citations have corresponding source on reference page and vice versa.	Very inconsistent or incorrect use of citations in text. Few in text citations have corresponding source on reference page and vice versa.
Documentation (1)	All sources are accurately cited on reference page and in text. 5 or more sources are used including 1 book.		Most sources are accurately cited on reference page and in text. No book is used as a source.	Most sources are accurately cited on reference page and in text. Less than 5 sources are used.

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