

<b>Thesis Statement (10 points)</b>	Well-developed thesis;	Clear thesis with limited development.	This is confused and/or underdeveloped.	Description of issue instead of a thesis.	No thesis.
<b>Evidence/Support (25 points)</b>	Supporting evidence is substantial, accurate, and relevant. Paper meets page requirement.	Supporting evidence is mostly substantial, accurate, and relevant. Paper exceeds or does not meet page requirement.	Some evidence is incomplete, inaccurate, or irrelevant. Paper exceeds or does not meet page requirement.	Most evidence is incomplete, inaccurate, or irrelevant. Paper is significantly under the page requirement.	Insufficient evidence offered to support thesis. Paper is significantly under the page requirement.
<b>Analysis (25 points)</b>	Demonstrates a rich understanding of topic; includes a sophisticated analysis of the topic.	Demonstrate a clear understanding of topic; includes an adequate analysis of the topic.	Demonstrates some understanding of topic; limited analysis of the topic.	Demonstrates little understanding of topic; analysis of the topic is inadequate.	Demonstrates no real understanding of topic; no analysis; the paper merely describes the topic.
<b>Organization and Fluency (20 points)</b>	Includes a well-developed introduction and a thought-provoking conclusion. Exceptionally well-organized and well-written.	Includes a developed introduction and conclusion. Clearly organized and written, but not exceptional.	Includes an introduction and conclusion with limited development. Weak organization and writing that interfere with meaning.	Introduction and conclusion are unclear. Significant portions of the paper are difficult to understand.	Inadequate introduction and conclusion. Majority of the paper is disorganized and poorly written.
<b>Mechanics and Format (15 points)</b>	Contains no, or very few, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and/or usage errors. Paper is typed, double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font.	Contains only a few spelling, grammar, punctuation, and/or usage errors. Paper may not be properly formatted.	Contains spelling, grammar, punctuation, and/or usage errors that interfere with meaning. Paper may not be properly formatted.	Contains significant spelling, grammar, punctuation, and/or usage errors. Paper is not properly formatted.	Significant spelling, grammar, punctuation, and/or usage errors throughout the paper that interfere with meaning. Paper is not properly formatted.
<b>Citations and Works Cited Page (5 points)</b>	Significant number of citations from each source. Citations are properly formatted. Correctly formatted works cited page. Sources are exceptionally relevant & credible	Significant number of citations from most sources. Most citations are properly formatted. Correctly formatted works cited page. Sources are relevant & credible.	Most citations come from only one or two sources. Some are not properly formatted. Works cited page may not be correctly formatted; Sources may not be relevant & credible.	Does not include citations from each source. Citations are not properly formatted. Works cited page is not correctly formatted; significantly fewer than 5 sources; few sources are relevant/credible.	Does not include citations. Works cited page contains significant errors in formatting. Few sources are included, none of which are relevant or credible.
<b>Total Points</b>					