

Example Rubric

Criteria	Unsatisfactor y	Baseline	Proficient	Exemplary
Integration of Knowledge	Concepts are fully understood and applied.	Concepts are somewhat under-stood and applied. Some ideas are analyzed and synthesized.	Concepts are understood and applied. Most ideas are analyzed and synthesized.	Concepts are fully understood and applied. All ideas are clearly analyzed and synthesized.
Topic focus	Not clearly defined.	Too broad of a topic.	Focused topic, but there's not a clear direction.	Narrowly focused topic with strong thesis that give the paper direction.
Depth of discussion	Brief discussion in all sections.	pertinent content omitted or content runs-on.	In-depth discussion & elaboration in most sections of the paper.	In-depth discussion & elaboration in all sections of the paper.
Cohesiveness	Does not tie together information.	Sometimes ties together information from all sources.	For the most part, ties together information from all sources.	Ties together information from all sources. Clear relationship amongst all sources used.
Spelling and grammar	Unacceptable number of spelling and/or grammar mistakes.	Noticeable spelling & grammar mistakes.	Minimal spelling &/or grammar mistakes.	No spelling &/or grammar mistakes.
Sources	Fewer than 5 current sources, or fewer than 2 of 5 are peer-reviewed or scholarly.	Fewer than 5 current sources, or fewer than 2 of 5 are peer-reviewed journal articles or scholarly.	5 current sources, of which at least 2 are peer-reviewed or scholarly.	More than 5 current sources, of which at least 3 are peer-reviewed or scholarly.