

Writing Assignments Rubric

Assignment _____

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Criterion	Deficient 0-2.4 pts	Emerging 2.5-4.9 pts	Present 5-7.4 pts	Excellent 7.5-10 pts
Ideas and Content 25% (0-10 pts) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Lacks coherence; incomplete. <input type="checkbox"/> Major points are not clear and/or stated. <input type="checkbox"/> Displays a superficial or incorrect understanding of scientific concepts.	<input type="checkbox"/> Content is not comprehensive and/or is missing important details. <input type="checkbox"/> Research is inadequate or does not address course concepts or assignment guidelines. <input type="checkbox"/> Content is inconsistent with regard to purpose and clarity of thought.	<input type="checkbox"/> Content is comprehensive, and accurate. <input type="checkbox"/> Major points are stated clearly. <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses course concepts or assignment guidelines. <input type="checkbox"/> Content and purpose of the writing are clear.	<input type="checkbox"/> Content is thorough and accurate. Purpose of the writing is clear. <input type="checkbox"/> Major points are specific and stated clearly. <input type="checkbox"/> Reflects a high level of analysis and interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> Writing is clear and insightful.
Organization and Structure 25% (0-10 pts) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Organization and structure detract from concepts of paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Does not contain a thesis statement or sense of purpose. <input type="checkbox"/> Concepts are disjointed and lack transition through thoughts.	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure of the paper is not easy to follow. <input type="checkbox"/> Paragraph transitions need improvement. <input type="checkbox"/> Concepts are disconnected.	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure of the paper is clear and easy to follow. <input type="checkbox"/> Contains a thesis or clear expression of purpose. <input type="checkbox"/> Effectively uses transitions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Organization of the paper contributes to its overall goals. <input type="checkbox"/> Purpose of the paper is clear. <input type="checkbox"/> Paragraphs flow into each other due to skillful use of transitions.
Support 25% (0-10 pts) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contains assertions that are not supported (lack of references). <input type="checkbox"/> Sweeping generalizations are provided without specific examples. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses inappropriate or low quality references. <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient references and citations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient support for assertions. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses unconvincing examples. <input type="checkbox"/> Contains logical fallacies. <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks substance. <input type="checkbox"/> Ineffectively uses references and citations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Makes an effective case for the thesis. <input type="checkbox"/> Effectively uses appropriate references and citations. <input type="checkbox"/> Support is provided by appropriate references.	<input type="checkbox"/> Makes a convincing argument; fully supports thesis. <input type="checkbox"/> Skillfully uses high quality references that are properly cited. <input type="checkbox"/> Fully supports hypothesis and generalizations. <input type="checkbox"/> Logically sound.
Technical-Mechanics & Style 25% (0-10 pts) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper contains distracting grammatical, punctuation, and/or spelling errors. <input type="checkbox"/> Language uses excessive jargon or overly conversational tone. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper is not written in scientific style. <input type="checkbox"/> Sentence structure is awkward or confusing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper contains some grammatical, punctuation and spelling errors that could be distracting. <input type="checkbox"/> Language lacks clarity or includes the use of some jargon or conversational tone. <input type="checkbox"/> Has errors in scientific writing style. <input type="checkbox"/> Succession of short sentences contribute to a choppy read <input type="checkbox"/> Contains unnecessarily long and complex sentences.	<input type="checkbox"/> Free of distracting errors of grammar, usage, spelling, and punctuation. <input type="checkbox"/> Language is clear; sentences display consistently varied structure. <input type="checkbox"/> Correctly applies scientific writing style.	<input type="checkbox"/> Essentially free of typographical and errors in mechanics and style. <input type="checkbox"/> Easy to read; clear and direct. <input type="checkbox"/> Avoids jargon. <input type="checkbox"/> Varies sentence structure. <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates mastery of scientific writing style.

Total score: _____/40 pts