

Essay/Paper Structure and Grading Criteria

Title Page or Cover page It states topic, assignment name (ex. class paper or essay#1), writer's name, instructor's name, class name and section number, and the date. (no point earned for title page, deduct a total of 5 points if any component missing)	
Part I. Introduction (Why anyone should read this paper/Why it is important or interesting) - Is the topic of the paper clearly and concisely introduced? - Does the introduction include a clear and concise thesis statement or research questions? - Does the introduction lay groundwork for the direction of the paper? Does the information forecast the remainder of the paper for the reader?	/15
Part II. Summary of articles and additional sources (how other people have addressed the problem or answered the research questions) - Does the paper summarize the articles individually? - Does the paper synthesize the articles reviewed into a few main points? - Does it provide a thematic summary of the research drawn upon? - Are the source materials introduced, contextualized, and made relevant to the purpose of the paper? (lower score if the summary is irrelevant to the thesis or the research questions of the paper)	/15
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