

ELEMENT	EXCELLENT (45-48 total points)	GOOD (38.5-44 points)	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT (34-38 points or Less)
Organization/ Flow 12 pts	- Assignment is 5-6 pages long - Uses a title page, 5-6 pages of well-edited text, no smaller than 11-point font, Times New Roman, uses in-text citations, and has a References page formatted in APA style with full references for all in-text citations - Organizes information into meaningful topic areas - There is a natural progression from one topic to the next	- Assignment is 5-6 pages long - Uses a title page, 5-6 pages of well-edited text, no smaller than 11-point font, Times New Roman - Organizes information into meaningful topic areas - There is a natural progression from one topic to the next - Has a references page for most in-text citations and full references	- Assignment is less than 5 pages long - Information not well organized into topical areas - Does not use in-text citations or does not have a references page with full references
Content 12 pts	- Demonstrates in-depth understanding & thought about the topic - Discusses class material that goes beyond the basic requirements of the assignment and required readings (includes at least two course readings to inform your reflections)	- Demonstrates beginning understanding of the topic - Discusses required readings and includes at least two course readings to inform your reflections	- Does not demonstrate understanding of the topic - Does not discuss 2 required course readings or reflects very little on the novel making it unclear whether you read the novel
Synthesis 12 pts	- Discusses main ideas from the novel and 3 peer-reviewed new articles you find relevant to your reflections (in addition to the 2 course readings you utilize) - Articulates connection between key aspects of the novel into summary statements and applies critical thinking - Uses very few direct quotes - Paraphrases majority of ideas and cites to avoid plagiarism	- Summarizes main ideas from reading and makes some connection to 2 course readings and 3 new relevant articles - Inconsistently articulates connection between related ideas into summary statements - Uses some direct quotes but paraphrases most ideas	- Is not able to identify main ideas from the novel, 2 course readings and 3 new relevant articles in a meaningful way and does not summarize information - Uses many direct quotes - Does not understand how to paraphrase ideas
Formatting/Editing 12 pts	- Includes appropriate citations for all statements - Uses citations and includes full references at the end of the paper - Makes few grammatical errors - Uses active voice and uses non-judgmental language	- Includes most citations for statements - Use most citations found in the references - Makes some grammatical errors - Uses active voice and non-judgmental language	- Does not follow specified format - Does not cite to make it clear from where you are getting information - Makes frequent grammatical errors
Academic Honesty Pass/fail	- Paper represents own writing - Credits ideas of others	- Paper represents own writing - Credits ideas of others	Paper rejected/failed if concerns about academic honesty are raised