

Topic and Content	Accomplished	Satisfactory	Approaches Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations
	27 (27.00%) - 30 (30.00%) The moral implications of the approved current event topic are presented thoroughly. The draft includes an introduction, four body paragraphs, and a conclusion. The content is written in a neutral tone and offers evidence for both sides of the topic.	21.9 (21.90%) - 26.7 (26.70%) The moral implications of the approved current event topic are presented, but key points from the assignment may be missing in some areas. The draft includes an introduction, four body paragraphs, and a conclusion. The content is written in a neutral tone and offers evidence for both sides of the topic.	18 (18.00%) - 21.6 (21.60%) The moral implications of the approved current event topic are not clearly aligned. The draft may include portions of an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion, but may not be fully developed. The content may offer only one side of the topic and/or is written in a biased tone.	0 (0.00%) - 17.7 (17.70%) The paper does not demonstrate an understanding of the concepts in the assignment. The topic and introduction lack any exploration of the subject. The topic is unclear or too broad for the scope of the assignment. There is a biased tone throughout the draft.
Supporting Research and Evidence	27 (27.00%) - 30 (30.00%) Three or more appropriate peer-reviewed sources are integrated throughout the paper. Sources are highly relevant to the topic and add greatly to the development of the research. Detailed, meaningful quotations and/or paraphrases aptly and accurately support the topic. All sources are from credible, scholarly, peer-reviewed materials. All information presented has been published in the last five years.	21.9 (21.90%) - 26.7 (26.70%) Two or more appropriate peer-reviewed sources are used. Sources are mostly relevant to the topic, but some may be slightly less relevant to the development of the research. All information presented has been published in the last five years. Quotations and/or paraphrases are lacking or do not support several subtopics.	18 (18.00%) - 21.6 (21.60%) The paper severely lacks supporting research. One or no appropriate peer-reviewed sources are used. Sources are not relevant to the topic. Sources may not be credible. Some of the information presented has not been published in the last five years. Quotations and/or paraphrases are lacking.	0 (0.00%) - 17.7 (17.70%) The paper lacks research and credible support. No references are used, or they are highly irrelevant to the research.
Organization/Cohesiveness	18 (18.00%) - 20 (20.00%) Connections among subtopics and the main topic are clear without being repetitive or redundant. Concluding remarks demonstrate analysis and synthesis of ideas. Writing and integration of source materials are eloquent and skillful. Structure is aligned throughout with transitions that guide readers through a natural progression.	14.6 (14.60%) - 17.8 (17.80%) Connections among subtopics are missing or forced. The conclusion is unclear or may be somewhat disconnected from the topic. Writing and integration of source materials are awkward or confusing in some places. A logical progression of ideas and transitional devices is utilized.	12 (12.00%) - 14.4 (14.40%) Connections among subtopics are missing throughout. The conclusion is disconnected from the topic and introduction. Writing and integration of source materials are awkward or confusing in most places. Topic sentences may be missing, too general, or overly specific.	0 (0.00%) - 11.8 (11.80%) There is no connection among subtopics throughout paper. The conclusion is disconnected from the topic so much that it impedes the meaning. Writing and cohesiveness negatively affects the readability of the paper.
APA Style and Mechanics	18 (18.00%) - 20 (20.00%) Uses APA Style accurately and consistently to cite sources with only 1-2 errors. Meets all formatting requirements (length and style) of the assignment. The writing demonstrates a sophisticated clarity, conciseness, and correctness; includes thorough details and information; and is extremely well organized. Punctuation, spelling, and capitalization are all correct. There are minimal to no errors.	14.6 (14.60%) - 17.8 (17.80%) Uses APA Style with minor citation violations with 3-4 errors. Meets most formatting requirements (length and style) of the assignment. The writing is accomplished in terms of clarity and conciseness, sufficient details are included, and it is well organized, but it may contain a few errors. Punctuation, spelling, and capitalization are generally correct with not many errors.	12 (12.00%) - 14.4 (14.40%) Reflects incomplete knowledge of APA Style with 5-6 errors. Meets most formatting requirements (length and style) of the assignment. The writing lacks clarity or conciseness, contains numerous errors, and lacks organization. Errors in punctuation, spelling, and capitalization detract from the readability of the paper.	0 (0.00%) - 11.8 (11.80%) Does not use APA Style, or there are pervasive errors throughout the paper. Does not meet formatting requirements (length and style) of the assignment. The writing is unfocused, rambling, or contains serious errors; lacks detail, relevant data, and information; and is poorly organized. There are many distracting errors in punctuation, spelling, and capitalization.