

HE 312: Health & Disease
Evaluation Rubric for Position Paper

Criteria:	Outstanding	Accomplished	Emerging
Introduction The paper contains an introduction, which introduces the issue being critiqued (from Daniel) and includes a clear position on the topic of choice (via a thesis statement). 20 Points	The paper's introduction identifies the issue being critiqued. The issue is one identified in the Daniel text. The introduction identifies the position being take on the issue. 18 – 20 Points	The paper's introduction identifies the issue being critiqued. The issue may be one identified in the Daniel text. The introduction alludes to a position being taken on the issue (but may not be entirely clear). 15 – 18 Points	The paper doesn't clearly identify the issue being critique. The issue may be one identified in the Daniel text. The introduction does not take a clear position on the issue. 0 – 15 Points
Issue Major Findings The paper presents a clear and logical argument to help support the position on the issue. The paper contains at least 6 appropriate sources of scholarly support (majoring findings in the literature found in journals or other peer-reviewed periodicals) that help reinforce the position of the paper. This support is successfully and smoothly woven into the paper's argument/thesis. 70 Points	The paper's argument(s) are clear and logical and there are at least 6 appropriate sources of scholarly support. These sources strongly reinforce the position of the paper and are successfully and smoothly woven into the paper's argument(s), thus supporting the paper's thesis. 63 – 70 Points	The paper's argument(s) are mostly clear and logical and there are at least 5 appropriate sources of scholarly support. These sources reinforce the position of the paper and are woven into the paper's argument(s), thus mostly supporting the paper's thesis. 53 – 63 Points	The paper's argument(s) are not necessarily clear or logical and there is an insufficient number of scholarly sources. These sources don't successfully reinforce the position of the paper and may not really support the paper's argument(s) and/or thesis. 0 – 53 Points
Conclusion The paper includes a conclusion that re-introduces the position. The conclusion offers up ideas for future directions and ends with universal statements regarding the issue of choice. 20 Points	The paper's conclusion re-introduces the paper's position and offers up ideas for future direction. The conclusion ends with universal statements regarding the issue of choice. 18 – 20 Points	The paper's conclusion mentions the paper's position and may offer up ideas for future direction. The conclusion ties up the paper's argument(s) successfully. 15 – 18 Points	The paper's conclusion may not re-introduce the paper's position and does not necessarily offer up ideas for future direction. It may not successfully tie up the paper's argument(s). 0 – 15 Points
Position The paper identifies a clear position for arguments made. However, the position is not	The paper's position is clear and objective.	The paper's position is largely focused but might contain some subjective perspectives.	The paper's position is largely subjective in nature and does not use credible sources appropriately.

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weakened by the use of personal persuasion (e.g., the use of first/second person language). The paper uses credible and appropriate evidence to support the position identified. 10 Points	9 – 10 Points	7 – 9 Points	0 – 7 Points
Spelling/Grammar/Usage The paper displays evidence of thorough proofreading in terms of correct and best use of the English language and grammar and correct spelling. 15 Points	The paper's use of correct spelling/grammar and English usage is evident. The paper contains little-to-no errors. 14 – 15 Points	The paper's use of correct spelling/grammar and English use is mostly evident. The paper contains few errors. 11 – 14 Points	The paper's use of correct spelling/grammar and English use is not evident. The paper contains several errors. 0 – 11 Points
Adherence to APA Style The paper is between 5-6 pages in length. The paper is formatted according to the latest APA style guide including, but not limited to: the cover page, parenthetical citations, page formatting (font, spacing, etc.) and the reference page. 15 Points	The paper is between 5-6 pages in length (excluding the cover page, abstract, and references pages) and is formatted according to the latest APA style. 14 – 15 Points	The paper is at least 5 pages in length (excluding the cover page, abstract, and references pages) and is mostly formatted according to the latest APA style. 11 – 14 Points	The paper may be less than 5 pages in length and does not follow the latest APA style. 0 – 11 Points