

Columbia College

Fundamentals of English Composition (ENGL110)

Lecture 3

Course Outline

Semester Dates: September 06 - October 08, 2016

Please note that when a holiday falls during the week, your class will be rescheduled for the Friday of that week. Students are required to make arrangements to be present at the rescheduled class.

Facilitator: Lucy Dooley, MEd Email: lucyd@columbia.ab.ca

Class Time: 8:00AM – 12:00PM (Mon/Wed)

Classes on Sept 12 and Sept 14 are cancelled and will instead be on Sep 24 (8:30 AM – 5:00 PM) and Oct 01

(8:30 AM - 12:30 PM)

Room: 4-170

Credit: 3.0 Prerequisite: None

Note: It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in the Course Outline and to clarify any areas of concern with the facilitator.

Course Description:

This course focuses on essay writing at the post-secondary level. Students will examine examples of good writing, do short summaries, participate in critical exchanges in an individual and group setting, and complete several short writing assignments covering a spectrum of styles and purposes. While this course provides some grammar review, students will be expected to be at least at a senior high school level of competency or equivalent in both grammar and composition.

Learning Outcomes:

As a result of active participation in these sessions, a student can expect to:

- Effectively demonstrate an effective understanding and application of the writing process
- Effectively analyze a variety of written text required for college and university courses
- Understand, select, paraphrase and write in response to a variety of audiences and purposes
- Apply the revision process and editing strategies to various forms of writing
- Demonstrate understanding of and the ability to write a summary
- Write an effective response in a critical analysis essay to meet college and university expectations and standards
- Demonstrate the ability to apply the research process and write a well-organized research paper, free of plagiarism
- Demonstrate effective use of argumentation in a piece of writing
- Demonstrate understanding and application of APA documentation
- Be able to demonstrate an effective understanding of English grammar and usage

Course Format:

This course uses a variety of teaching/learning methods including discussion, personal reflection, experiential exercises, student presentations, role-plays, group activities and especially case studies. Our faculty aims to create a learning environment where the learner is actively engaged in inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving. The classroom provides you with a place where you can learn with and from others in a cooperative and collaborative manner.

You are expected to take a very active part in class discussions and take responsibility for your own learning. Be a positive and co-operative team member. Columbia College uses a facilitation model of instruction where the facilitator's role is to facilitate your learning. The expectation is that you will come to class prepared with pre-class homework completed. Your facilitator will engage you in activities that are based on your completed homework and readings. Your enthusiastic and positive approach in the classroom will create an atmosphere that will help every student develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that are needed for success.

How you conduct yourself in our classes will, to a large extent, mirror your conduct in society and your future work site. For example, if you have a tendency to ask questions, challenge the ideas of others in a respectful manner, draw out the best from your colleagues, and encourage both group development and task accomplishment in this class, it is likely you will do the same at work. A high level of student involvement and developing professionalism is expected in the classroom as you work towards your goal.

Required Textbooks and Equipment:

Haig, J., MacMillan, V., Raikes, G., (2014). *Cites & Sources – An APA Documentation Guide, Fourth Edition*. Toronto, ON: Nelson Education Ltd.

Johnson-Sheehan, R., Paine, C., Shaw, C. & Stouck, J. (2014). *Writing Today, Canadian Edition*. Toronto, ON: Pearson Canada Inc.* Note: Students will be using My Writing Lab.

Recommended Readings and Resources:

Students may access these sources from the College and from home.

ProQuest Nursing and Allied Health, Canadian Business and Current Affairs, and Canadian Newsstand

http://proquest.umi.com/login
 Username: cc-library
 Password: welcome

GALE InfoTrac Custom Journals

http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/calg145?db=SP00

Password: cclibrary09

Further Recommended Readings and Resources:

Homework Assignment Due for the First Class:

- Read your course outline and be ready to discuss.
- Please read Chapters 1-3
- Review Grammar Handbook Part 7 Sentences p. 524 -531.

Evaluation - Assessment of Student Performance:

The final grade in the course will be based on the following elements. Wherever possible facilitators will use rubrics to assess your performance and offer feedback.

Title of Assignment/Examination	Due Date	Weight
My Writing Lab Activities	Class 1-8	10%
Daily Summary Activity – 8 tests	Class 1 through 8	10%
Research Paper	Class 8	30%
Critical Analysis or Argumentative Essay	Class 9	20%
Final Exam	Class 10	30%

Please note that all homework and assignments are due at the beginning of each class.

Grading:

Grades for each component will be added together at the end of the semester. The final total will be translated to the Columbia College's 4.0 grading scale as follows:

Marking and Grading Conversion:

Description	Letter Grade	Grade Points	Percentage Scale	
	A+	4.0	100	95
Excellent	А	4.0	94	90
	A-	3.7	89	85
	B+	3.3	84	80
Good	В	3.0	79	75
	B-	2.7	74	70
Satisfactory	C+	2.3	69	65
	С	2.0	64	60
	C-	1.7	59	55
Poor	D	1.0	54	50
Failure	F	0.0	49	0

Please note that to pass this course you must earn at least a "D" (a minimal pass). Practical Nurse students must achieve a minimum C+ to meet requirements for their program.

Submission and Completion of Assignments:

You are expected to submit assignments by the due date. Any late assignments may be assessed a marking penalty of 5% per day. If you are unable to submit an assignment on the due date, you must request an extension **before** the due date by filling out an *Application for Assignment Extension form* (SSPP-F012) that is to be submitted to the Department Chair for approval. This form is available on Columbia's website, Bldg. 802 – Main Office and from Department Chairs.

Requesting an Examination Deferral:

If you are requesting an exam to be deferred, you must submit an Application for *Deferred Examinations* form (SSPP-F012) to the Department Chair within 48 hours of the missed examination date and time. Applications for deferred examinations will only be considered due to medical or personal emergency. A medical certificate or other appropriate documentation may be required. This form is available on Columbia's website, Bldg. 802-Main Office and from Department Chairs.

Attendance Requirements:

Columbia College believes that student are committed to their program and learning experiences. However, it is understood that there are times when students may be absent. Any absences can be viewed as a potentially serious disruption of the learning process and necessary achievement of the learning objectives. Being late is also considered unacceptable as it interferes with the learning opportunities of others. Unavoidable absences or lateness must be reported to the course facilitator in advance. Please refer to Columbia College's *Attendance Policy and Regulations (ADM-P151)* for detailed information on Attendance Requirements.

Academic Integrity:

Academic dishonesty is a serious offence and can result in suspension or expulsion from Columbia College.

There is no tolerance for academic dishonesty and any student caught plagiarizing is subject to serious sanctions as outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct Policy (ADM-P229)*. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this policy and avoid any behavior that could possibly be seen as cheating, plagiarizing, misrepresenting, or putting into question the integrity of one's academic work.

Student Conduct:

It is the responsibility of each student to uphold the expectations and responsibilities outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct Policy (ADM-P229)* and any additional requirements established by your program.

Generally, each student will:

- be respectful and courteous toward others;
- demonstrate appropriate and supportive communication skills, and coach, assist, advise and otherwise support other students in their studies;
- manage any personal stress and conflict in a positive and resourceful manner, and assist others to do the same;
- be dressed in a manner appropriate for their workplace or learning environment, as established by the program;
- conduct themselves in a professional manner with regard to their communication with others and their behavior in class:
- conduct themselves with academic integrity in all of their learning activities, tests, exams, and assignments
- keep up with day-to-day classroom and course expectations.

Important Dates:

Description	Date
Last to add/drop courses	5 school operating days from the start of the semester OR before the third scheduled class, whichever is greater
Last day to withdraw without academic penalty	50% or less of the semester has been completed
Final Examination	A final exam may take many formats. If a final exam is scheduled, it will be taken in an assigned room under the supervision of a Test Proctor. Students must be on time as they will not be permitted to enter once the exam has started. Exam schedules are available in each building on a bulletin board, as well as, at www.columbia.ab.ca/exams . It is the student's responsibility to check this exam posting.

Appeals:

Please refer to the Student Appeal Policy (ADM-P177).

Students with Temporary or Permanent Disabilities or Medical Condition:

Students with temporary or permanent disabilities or medical condition may apply for accommodations. To be considered for an accommodation, a student must register with Columbia College's Accessibility Services by making an appointment with an Accessibility Services Advisor – Main Office – Bldg. 802 or emailing accessibilityservices@columbia.ab.ca. The Department Chair or facilitator is not able to provide you with any accommodations without you taking this step. Please refer to Columbia College's website to review the Accommodation Policy and Handbook (ADM-P188).

Student Support:

Students should be aware that Life Coaching, Career and Accessibility Services, and Student Support Services (i.e. tutoring, academic strategists, etc.) are provided by Columbia College. Inquire how to request these services at the Main Office in building 802. It is the student's responsibility to discuss their specific learning needs with the appropriate service provider.

Class Schedule/Overview:

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. Any changes or cancellations will be emailed to you. It is your responsibility to check the email address you have given to the school on a daily basis for any messages from the Department Chair/designate, facilitator or College Administration. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in the Course Outline and to clarify any areas of concern with the facilitator.

Class Session	Topics	Pre-Class Readings
1	 Course Introduction and Course Expectations Importance of Writing for an Audience – Creating a Common Ground with the Audience Introduction to Genre & Writing Process Identification of your topic, angle, purpose Development of reader profiles, context and rhetorical situations Introduction to Grammar – Grammar Diagnostic Test Review Sentences pp. 524-531 	Chapters 1-3 Writing & Genre p. 4-15 Topic, Angle, Purpose p.16-25 Readers, Contexts, & Rhetorical Situations p. 26-37 Grammar Part. 7 Sentences p. 524-531
2	 Introduction to writing well-structured paragraphs APA Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Citing Sources – Introduction Introduction to the Microsoft Term Paper Template Grammar: Writing Strong Sentences continued 	Chapters 17,23,25 Developing paragraphs - p. 331-342 Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Citing Sources; (Chpt. 23) p. 415-453 Using APA Style (Chpt. 25) p. 454-477 Review Cites Booklet for APA Grammar Part 7 Cont'd from class 1
3	 Introduction to the Analysis of Articles, Critical Responses, and Critical Analysis Essay. Writing a Summary of Articles and other information Use of rhetorical analysis (Modes) Writing Reviews Grammar: pp. Writing Strong Sentences Continued 	Chapters 4, 5 & 6 Summaries; p. 40-57 Rhetorical Analyses; p. 85-115 Reviews p.58-84 Grammar Part. 7 Parallelism, Subordination, Mixed Sentences, Shifts p. 531-535
4	 Starting Research Finding sources and collecting information APA Grammar: Modifiers 	Chapters 10,21,22, 23,25 Starting Research p. 388-397 Finding Sources & Collecting Information p. 398-414 Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Citing Sources; (Review Chpt. 23) p. 415-43 Using APA Style (Review Chpt. 25) p. 454-477 Use Cites Booklet for APA Grammar Part 7 Modifiers p. 536-539

5	 Developing Ideas & Pre-Writing Outlines/Drafting/Revising/Editing techniques & the writing process Application to Term Papers, Research Papers Grammar: Adjectives, Adverbs, Verbs 	Chapters 11,12,13 Developing Ideas & Pre-Writing p. 256-268 Organizing & Drafting p. 269-275 Choosing a Style p. 276-286 Grammar Part 7 Adjectives, Adverbs pp. 539
6	 Critical Analysis Techniques Revising & Editing Introductions & Conclusions Position Papers and Arguments Grammar: Subject-Verb Agreements 	Chapters 8,15,16 Revising & Editing Drafting p. 303-319 Introductions and Conclusions p. 322-330 Position Papers & Arguments p.148-168 Grammar Part 7 Subject-Verb Agreements pp. 540-545
7	 Using Basic Rhetorical Patterns Comparison/Contrast Essay Using Argumentative Strategies Grammar: Pronouns 	Chapter 18, 19 Using Basic Rhetorical Patterns p. 343-356 Using Argumentative Strategies p. 357-375 Grammar Part 7 Pronouns pp. 545-550
8	 Research Paper is due Writing Proposals Writing a Reflective Paper – techniques Grammar: Style, Appropriate Language 	Chapter 9 Writing Proposals p.169-209 Grammar Part 7 Style, Appropriate Language pp. 550-554
9	 Critical Analysis or Argumentative Essay Due - Working with Case Studies - Preparing for an Essay Exam - Presenting Your Work/Presentations - Essay writing techniques review - Grammar: Punctuation & Mechanics; Abbreviations, Apostrophe, Spelling rules 	Chapters 28,29 Succeeding on Essay Exams; p. 498-209 Presenting your work p. 509-521 Grammar Ch. 7 Punctuation & Mechanics pp. 554-563 Abbreviation, Apostrophe, Spelling p. 563-570 Review of material for exam
10	• Final Exam – 3 hrs.	Location to be announced

Appendix 1 Assignment Outlines

Note: You are expected to do all assignments, quizzes, and activities as outlined in order to meet the requirements of this course. If you do not do this, you will not pass the course.

- 1. Essay topics and handouts will be supplied by the facilitator where required.
- 2. ALL assignments handed in must be supported with citations in A.P.A. format using your Cites Handbook as a reference. Other sources are also provided for you through your Moodle portal.
- 3. You must use ProQuest or Gale as your main source for references. You may enhance your papers by using other scholarly sources. Please do not simply Google for anything on the Internet as this is not acceptable for post-secondary assignments in our programs.
- **4.** This course outline has rubrics attached that will be used to evaluate you work. This will help you to set high goals and clarify the marking process.

MyWritingLab Activities

Weight: 10%

Description: You will be assigned various MyWritingLab Activities to do for <u>each day</u> as you go along in your studies. Your facilitator will evaluate your participation and quality of work. Please be sure to do these as required. There are timelines established in the Lab schedule that may not allow you to do the activity if you do not follow the timelines.

Daily Summary Activity

Due Date: End of each class from class 1 through 8 Weight: 10% (2.5% per summary assignment)

Students will conclude each of the classes with a daily summary exercise. This summary is to relate to the day's topic/s that answers the following: "What did I learn? What do I need to know more about? What steps do I need to do to be successful in light of what I learned today?" N. B. These three questions are there to guide your answers to this assignment.

Your facilitator may give you different questions or a specific assignment in place of these questions.

Be sure to specifically refer to what was discussed during the class. Write in a reflective journaling style and turn your answers into the facilitator for grading at the end of class. The paper will have a minimum length of 250 words. Answers are to be written in the last 30 minutes of the class. No answers will be accepted that were prepared prior. If you are absent from the Summary Activity, you will receive a "zero."

Research Essay Due Date: Class 8 Weight: 30%

Description: You will write a research paper on a topic related to your chosen profession. The topic must be approved by your facilitator.

Minimum of 1,250 words; maximum of 1,500 words; (not counting the title page and References page) *Note: If you do not meet the minimum number of words, you will lose marks.

Content

Your research paper should demonstrate that you know how to conduct research and write an effective research paper. It must demonstrate your knowledge of how to correctly follow APA formatting and citation. Use your Cites Handbook to check that you are correctly citing sources. A good paper will have quotations, paraphrases and summaries of materials that were used to write the paper.

Sources

Also, use a minimum of <u>four scholarly sources</u> from ProQuest and/or Gale in your paper. You may also enhance your papers by using other scholarly sources. If you wish to add additional sources, please ensure that they are reputable academic sources (see pp.392-394 in your text), not internet based sources such as Wikipedia. Do not plagiarize. If you plagiarize, you may receive a "0" on your paper.

You're expected to submit a <u>hardcopy of the research paper</u>, <u>include an outline</u>, <u>and submit hardcopies of</u> the research articles that you cited in your paper.

You will be evaluated according to the Research Rubric appended.

Critical Analysis Essay or Argumentative Essay

Due Date: Class 9 Weight: 20%

Minimum of 1,000 words; maximum of 1,200 words (not counting the title page and References page) *Note: If you do not meet the minimum number of words, you will lose marks.

Critical Analysis Essay

You will demonstrate the skills learned and practiced in critical exchanges to write a critical analysis of an article <u>provided by the facilitator</u>. This essay has two major goals: to summarize a source's main idea/s and to respond to the source's main idea/s with reactions based on your synthesis. To prove your points, you should make reference to a minimum of <u>two</u> scholarly articles.

Your essay will be structured according to the following:

- Introduction
- Body
 - Summary of source's main idea/s
 - Analysis: Evaluate the evidence; sufficient (enough evidence, examples), representative (large enough pool/sample), relevancy (accurate correlations), accuracy (claims are fairly qualified)
 - o Response: Base comments on your own experience, prior knowledge, and opinions
- Conclusion

Within the body, you may choose from three basic patterns of organization:

- 1. Write the entire summary paragraph first, followed by the analysis portion;
- 2. Alternate between summary and analysis paragraphs so that each paragraph of summary is followed by a paragraph critique of the summarized information; or
- 3. Combine a summary and critique of each idea within each paragraph of the body.

You are to hand in a <u>hardcopy of the essay</u>, an <u>outline</u>, and <u>copies of the articles</u> you are citing on your References page. Do not plagiarize. If you plagiarize, you may receive a "0" on your paper.

You will be evaluated according to the Critical Analysis Rubric appended.

<u>OR</u>

Argumentative Essay – You are to write an Argumentative Essay that clearly identifies and supports your position on a particular topic or issue of interest to you and relevant to your career choice. Please note that in an Argumentative Essay you also have to discuss the points that do not support your position. To prove your points, you should make reference to a minimum of <u>two</u> scholarly articles.

Your topic must be approved by the facilitator.

Review your English 110 textbook regarding Position Papers and Arguments (Chapter 8) and Using Argumentative Strategies (Chapter 19) as a resource.

You are to submit a <u>hardcopy of your paper</u>, an <u>outline</u>, and a <u>copy of the research articles</u> you are citing on your References page.

Do not plagiarize. If you plagiarize, you may receive a "0" on your paper.

You will be evaluated according to the Argumentative Essay Rubric (appended).

Final Exam Due Date: Class 10 Weight: 30%

Description: Students will be required to take part in a Final Exam. Place and time to be provide

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Appendix 2 Assignment Rubrics

Columbia College Critical Analysis Essay Marking Rubric Revised Jan. 2012

e Co	Durse Code Date	Facilitator/Eva	aluator's Name
A	В	C-D	F
5	4	3-2.5	2.4-0
 Introduces and presents paper effectively and clearly; purpose is readily apparent to the reader. First paragraph identifies three of the following: title, date, author and essential background information on the author. 	 Introduces and presents paper adequately; purpose is not consistently clear throughout the paper. First paragraph identifies only two of the following: the title, date, author and essential background information on the author. 	 Introduces and presents paper somewhat effectively; writing has a clear purpose but may at times move away from that purpose. First paragraph identifies only one of the following: the title, author and essential background information on the author. 	 Introduces and presents paper poorly; purpose is generally unclear. First paragraph does not identify the title, author and essential background information on the author.
10-9	8-7	6-5	4-0
 Essay has a clear introduction, conclusion and well-developed essay body. Thesis is clearly stated and developed to demonstrate point of view. Paragraphs are logically developed both internally and externally, with transitions within and 	 Essay has required introduction, conclusion and essay body that adequately presents essay components. Thesis is presented clearly, but may need more development. Paragraphs are mostly logically developed, both internally and externally, with some transitions within and between 	 Essay has required introduction, conclusion and essay body, but requires some further development. Thesis is presented but at times is slightly unclear. Paragraphs are not always logically developed, requiring attention to this area. Transitions are used but rarely. 	 Essay does not have all the components – introduction, conclusion and body paragraphs. Thesis is difficult to identify. May be restatement of an obvious point. Paragraphs are poorly developed and do not show logical progression is ideas.
		 A B Introduces and presents paper effectively and clearly; purpose is readily apparent to the reader. First paragraph identifies three of the following: title, date, author and essential background information on the author. Essay has a clear introduction, conclusion and well-developed essay body. Thesis is clearly stated and developed to demonstrate point of view. Paragraphs are logically developed both internally and externally, with Introduces and presents paper adequately; purpose is not consistently clear throughout the paper. First paragraph identifies only two of the following: the title, date, author and essential background information on the author. Essay has required introduction, conclusion and essay body that adequately presents essay components. Thesis is presented clearly, but may need more development. Paragraphs are mostly logically developed, both internally and externally, with some 	B G-D S Introduces and presents paper effectively and clearly; purpose is readily apparent to the reader. First paragraph identifies three of the following: title, date, author and essential background information on the author. 10-9 S-7 Essay has a clear introduction, conclusion and well-developed essay body. Thesis is clearly stated and developed to demonstrate point of view. Paragraphs are logically developed both internally and externally, with S-1 A 3-2.5 Introduces and presents paper adequately; purpose is not consistently clear throughout the paper. First paragraph identifies only two of the following: the title, date, author and essential background information on the author. First paragraph identifies only one of the following: the title, author and essential background information on the author. **First paragraph identifies only one of the following: the title, author and essential background information on the author. **First paragraph identifies only one of the following: the title, author and essential background information on the author. **First paragraph identifies only one of the following: the title, date, author and essential background information on the author. **First paragraph identifies only one of the following: the title, date, author and essential background information on the author. **First paragraph identifies only one of the following: the title, date, author and essential background information on the author. **First paragraph identifies only one of the following: the title, date, author and essential background information on the author. **First paragraph identifies only one of the following: the title, date, author and essential background information on the author. **First paragraph identifies only one of the following: the title, date, author and essential background information on the author. **First paragraph identifies only one of the following: the title, date, author and essential background informat

	Α	В	C-D	F
	5	4	3-2.5	2.4-0
Argument	 Clearly identifies and summarizes the main issues Effectively addresses all of the author's issue/s. Identifies all embedded issues and how they relate to each other. Formulates a clear and precise personal point of view Critiques with insight. Identifies and rigorously evaluates all important evidence offered. After considering all the relevant information and evidence, identifies and thoroughly discusses the implications, conclusions and consequences of the issue. Provides new data or information to be considered Ideas are supported effectively and sources are clearly attributed. Acknowledges objections and provides convincing replies to these 	 Successfully identifies and summarizes most of the main issues. Explains most of the author's issue/s satisfactorily. Identifies most embedded issues and how they relate to each other. Formulates a clear and precise personal point of view Critique is adequate. Identifies all important evidence offered. After considering most of the relevant information and evidence, identifies and briefly discusses the implications, conclusions and consequences of the issue. Evaluates the information Discusses alternate points of view. Ideas are generally supported and paper includes clear attribution. 	 Identifies main issues, but requires more explanation to be effective. Alludes to embedded issues without development or explanation. Demonstrates a vague or indecisive point of view Some critique provided, but requires more development. Successfully identifies data and data and information that counts as evidence but does not thoroughly evaluate its credibility. Suggests some implications, conclusions and consequences of the issue but without reference to the context and relevant information Considers weak alternative views. Some ideas are substantiated, but more attention is needed to this area. 	 Fails to identify, summarize, or explain the main problem or issue. Represents the issues inaccurately. Does not identify embedded issues. No critique provided. Fails to identify data and information that counts as credible evidence. Fails to identify implications, conclusions and consequences of the issue Fails to identify the key relationships between the context, data or evidence. Difficult to determine point of view. Attribution is missing, or sources given are poorly selected.

	A	В	C-D	F
	5	4	3-2.5	2.4-0
Mechanics, Grammar, Professional Format	 Mainly error free. Uses APA citation correctly. Meets and exceeds all requirements for an excellent academic response. Meets and exceeds all requirements of the assignment. 	 A few minor errors in usage, grammar, or mechanics. Generally uses APA citation correctly. Meets requirements for a well written academic response. Meets requirements of the assignment. 	 Some errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, beginning to interfere with the readability and meaning of the paper. Uses APA citation inconsistently and with some errors. Meets some requirements for an acceptable academic response. Meets some of the requirements of the assignment. 	 Numerous errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, affecting the readability and meaning of the paper. Many errors in APA citation, demonstrating lack of citation knowledge. Does not meet enough requirements for an acceptable academic response. Does not meet enough requirements of the assignment.

Plagiarism: A "0" grade will be given to a paper where significant sections of the paper were copied from other, unattributed sources.

Total Score out of 30:

Facilitator/Evaluator's Comments:

Columbia College Research Rubric Last Revised: February 2014

Student's Name		Name Course Code Date		Facilitator/Evaluator's Name	
Area	A 10-8	B 7	C-D 6-5	F 4-0	Score
Content, Ideas & Analysis	 Clear research focus. Displays extensive indepth knowledge of the topic. Critically synthesizes and evaluates information. Clearly supports statements made with evidence and examples. Quality of research is excellent 	 Reasonably clear research focus. Displays good knowledge of the topic. Demonstrates careful analysis, synthesis and evaluation of information. Clearly supports most statements with evidence and examples. Quality of research is good. 	 Research focus is not totally clear. Displays limited basic knowledge of the topic. .Displays limited critical analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of information. Most statements are unsupported with evidence and examples. Quality of research could be improved. 	 Research focus is unclear. Unable to display relevant understanding of the topic. Critical thinking not evident. Assertions are unsupported. No evidence of new knowledge. No support for statements made. Quality of research is poor. 	
Style Expression of Ideas	 Uses highly effective, clearly focused, varied sentences, addressing audience and purpose. Conveys all ideas with originality and clarity. Uses rich, accurate and effective word choice. 	 Mostly uses effective, well structured, focused, varied sentences, addressing audience and purpose. Conveys most ideas with originality and clarity. Uses accurate and effective word choice. 	 Demonstrates limited attempts at creating varied sentences to address audience and purpose. Often sentences are somewhat awkward. Conveys some ideas clearly. Uses vague, ineffective word choice. 	 Uses simplistic sentence structures that are awkward and do not address audience and purpose. Most ideas are not conveyed clearly. Inadequate word choice. 	

Area	A 10-8	B 7	C-D 6-5	F 4-0	Score
Use of Supporting Information	 Uses relevant, timely, extensive and varied sources to convince. Uses paraphrasing and summarizing expertly. Shows smooth integration of quoted material into sentences and overall paper. 	 Uses relevant, timely and varied sources to convince. In most cases paraphrasing and summarizing is well done. Quotes and evidence are integrated well into sentences and overall paper. 	 Uses limited resources that are not well selected to support the response. Uses limited paraphrasing and summarizing. Quotes and evidence poorly integrated into sentences and overall paper. 	 Lacks fundamental resources to write an effective response. Inadequate reference support. Inadequate use of paraphrasing and summarizing. Quotes and evidence not integrated into sentences and overall paper. 	
Organization and Structure	 Presents information is in a consistently logical structure. Shows sophisticated development of paragraph and sentence structure, with effective transitions. Shapes introduction and conclusion skillfully. Carefully structures body of paper to support argumentation, including counter arguments. 	 Presents information in a logical structure. Shows well developed paragraph and sentence structure with effective transitions. Shapes introduction and conclusion carefully. Carefully structures body of paper to support argumentation with some reference to counter arguments. 	 Presents information in a random manner, lacking in logical structure. Paragraph and sentence structure is often faulty, using a few simple transitions. Introduction and conclusion are vague and unfocused. Body of paper does not reveal good argumentation with little to no reference to counter arguments. 	 Presents poor overall organization, lacking logical structure. Paragraphs lack focus and appropriate structure; sentence structures are simplistic, lacking development and transition. Lacks introduction and/or conclusion and body of paper poorly developed. Lacks argumentation and reference to counter arguments. 	
Mechanics, Grammar, Professional Format	 Mainly error free. Uses APA citation correctly. 	 A few minor errors in usage, grammar, or mechanics. Generally uses APA citation correctly. 	 Frequent errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, beginning to interfere with the readability and meaning of the paper. Uses APA citation inconsistently and has errors. 	 Numerous errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, affecting the readability and meaning of the paper. Many errors in APA citation, demonstrating lack of citation knowledge. 	

Plagiarism: A "0" grade will be given to a paper where significant sections of the paper were copied from other, unattributed sources.

Total Score out of 50:

Facilitator/Evaluator's Comments: