

**Criteria for Grading Academic Submissions:**

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- Your term paper should be comprehensible to those unfamiliar with the topic.
- It should be written in a good style, well formatted (MLA Style, the latest edition), and proofread, demonstrating a thorough knowledge of the subject.
- A clear outline and plausible thesis statement, which states the topic and main insight in the introduction and is confirmed in the conclusion.
- Be aware of consistency, good transitions and paragraph organization to maintain the logical flow.
- My guiding questions and criteria for grading are:
  - Does the chosen secondary literature support the thesis?
  - Is it sophisticated or in any way theoretical?
  - Is the criticism adequately summarized and also critically reflected upon?
  - Is there a good balance between observations/opinions and textual evidence?
  - What is the quality of the thesis statement; is it confirmed in the conclusion?

Name:

Topic:

<b>Formal Features: Organization and Structure</b>	
Layout: MLA-citation and correct formatting (MLA 8 <sup>th</sup> ed. and upwards) e.g., Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, 2.0 spacing, standard margins, page numbers, Table of Contents, Works Cited	
<b>Language</b>	
Grammar, fluency, style, spelling, paragraph organization, connectors, internal logic, consistency, academic register	
<b>Content</b>	
Choice of research topic, use of critical terminology to analyze the primary text(s) and/or media sources	
Thesis statement: plausibility and sophistication	
<b>Argumentation: Clarity of structure</b>	
Line of argument: description/summary vs. interpretation/analysis, originality	
Logical flow, connecting one idea to the next, transitions	
<b>Critical Analysis</b>	
Scope and secondary sources; is textual evidence effectively integrated to support the thesis?	
Depth of analysis: critical engagement with theoretical concepts (instead of only referencing the secondary literature in parentheses) and independent thinking	

1.0 (A) Excellent    2.0 (B) Good    3.0 (C) Satisfactory    4.0 (D) Below Average    5.0 (Fail)

Term Paper Grade:

Other Submissions (e.g. Midterm, if applicable):

**Final Grade:**