

- Argues for a particular and specific viewpoint
 - Supports argument(s) with valid and appropriate evidence
 - Provides appropriate level of detail in supporting evidence
 - Provides relevant background and/or explains key terms/concepts used in supporting evidence
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- Synthesizes views of author(s)/frameworks as they apply to argument(s)
 - Paper organized in a logical way without repeating ideas
 - Paper does not contain factual inaccuracies
 - When appropriate, thesis provided and paper clearly addresses that thesis
 - Clear conclusion that succinctly summarizes view(s)/recommendation(s)
 - Uses credible sources appropriate for assignment (with emphasis in readings and frameworks from class)
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- Demonstrates critical analysis of the subject matter
 - Demonstrates understanding of course material as it relates to assignment.