

Criteria	Exemplary	Proficient	Needs Improvement	Not Evident	
Thesis Statement	15 points Meets "Proficient" criteria, and the thesis statement sets up the natural organization of the paper	12.75 points The thesis statement is arguable and explicitly stated in the introduction paragraph	8.25 points The thesis statement is included, but it is not arguable or located in the introduction paragraph ✓	0 points Does not provide a thesis statement	8.25 / 15

Criterion Feedback

You have stated what your topic is but not yet the thesis. What is your argument about the interactions between the Portuguese and people of Angola? How did Portuguese interactions change Angolan culture? I would encourage you to create a less theoretical introduction and use it to lay the groundwork for your paper topic, namely Portuguese and Angolan interactions. This will help to focus your introduction and set the stage for a clear thesis that will be the argument for your paper.

Historical Context	15 points Meets "Proficient" criteria and provides in-depth analysis to fully place the chosen culture within a specific historical context	12.75 points Provides historical context for the chosen culture through inclusion of historical information ✓	8.25 points Provides historical context for the chosen culture, but does not include sufficient historical information	0 points Does not provide historical context for the chosen culture	12.75 / 15
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Criterion Feedback

Focus on the historical aspects of the topic. You did not need to explain how big the country is or the various natural resources unless this is relevant to your argument. If it is, find a way to include this information where it is connected to your argument, not as a separate "background" section. This will strengthen your organization. You also will need to find a bit more focus in this context. For example, you introduce the period of 1885 to 1975, a very long period that saw significant transformations in Africa during different decades. You will need to really break down the different events that are significant in demonstrating Portuguese influence on Angola. I think the biggest challenge is that you have chosen to organize the paper according to the rubric elements. You should focus on developing a strong argument and cohesive essays that ties all of the rubric elements together rather than introducing them separately. This might help to create more clarity around some points and a better flow for your paper.

Western and Eastern Elements	15 points Meets "Proficient" criteria and describes the elements with use of scholarly evidence to provide a comparison throughout the paper	12.75 points Focuses on an element from Japan, China, India, Africa, or a combination of those; and includes an element (an explorer, an idea, a religion, an interaction, an empire, etc.) from Western civilization	8.25 points Identifies an element Japan, China, India, Africa (and/or a combination of the options), but does not identify or explain an essential element of the countries being discussed from Western civilization ✓	0 points Does not include an element from Japan, China, India, or Africa and a Western civilization	8.25 / 15
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You discuss economic development and trade for Angola. What are some specific details of their economy and trade? Make certain you are also including specific details to demonstrate your more general points. The same is true for Portugal. Who were some of its countries and what specific actions did they take in Angola? Stay focused on the historical interactions and how they influenced Angola. You have a tendency to jump to our current time rather than building a detailed discussion of past interactions. As noted above, you should mesh the historical information with your analysis. This will bring the specific details and historical context into your argument, making it clearer and grounded in specific historical details. Another example is your discussion of Angolan identity. Who were the different ethnicities and how did they interact? What impact did Portuguese influences have on these ethnicities? You should follow this approach for all parts.

Historical Interaction	15 points Meets "Proficient" criteria and supports analysis with scholarly evidence	12.75 points Analyzes how members of chosen topic react to ideas, institutions, and the cultural ideals during the moments of historical interactions	8.25 points Analyzes how members of chosen topic react to ideas, institutions, and/or the cultural ideals during the moments of historical interactions, but there are gaps in the analysis ✓	0 points Does not analyze how members of chosen topic react to ideas, institutions, and the cultural ideals during the moment of historical interaction	8.25 / 15
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I would encourage you to consider this and explain it in more depth. You refer to the slaves as "resourceful men and women with skilled labor." You also speak of Portuguese interracial marriages with the Angolan women. You really need to dive into these practices and how they impacted the population. These were colonial actions that had devastating impacts on Angolan society and culture, and the severity of how this changed Angolan culture needs to be explored in very specific detail. Apply this same approach to your discussion of education. What was the education system in Angola prior to the Department of Native Affairs and how did they Angolans show their anger?

Scholarly Evidence	15 points Meets "Proficient" criteria, and the scholarly evidence is supported by necessary quotes from primary sources	12.75 points Analyzes scholarly evidence to include evidence in the paper that supports the thesis statement	8.25 points Analyzes scholarly evidence, but does not include evidence that supports the thesis statement	0 points Does not analyze scholarly evidence or include scholarly evidence in the paper ✓	0 / 15
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Scholarly evidence also should not be its own section. You should be incorporating scholarly evidence throughout to develop your argument. You should not be creating a separate section that works as a literature review. The evidence, like other aspects of the paper, need to be woven throughout the paper. I am also not seeing any primary sources. This would be a source from the period that you are analyzing, such as the writing of an Angolan resistance fighter or Portuguese colonist.

Conclusion	15 points Meets "Proficient" criteria and places the essay's thesis into a larger historical discussion of the topic	12.75 points Provides a conclusion that analyzes the consequences of the interactions that considers how the cultural exchanges benefited both groups and are evident in the current day	8.25 points Provides a conclusion that analyzes the consequences of the interactions that considers how the cultural exchanges benefited both groups OR are evident in the current day ✓	0 points Does not provide a conclusion that analyzes the consequences of the interactions that considers how the cultural exchanges benefited both groups and are evident in the current day	8.25 / 15
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Once you find your focus in the introduction, you should also find it in the conclusion. You mention tracing the origins of ethnic groups and societies, but that is not really what your paper is about. Your paper is considering how Portuguese interactions with Angola impacted Angolan society.

Articulation of Response	10 points Submission is free of errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization and is presented in a professional and easy-to-read format	8.5 points Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization	5.5 points Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas ✓	0 points Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that prevent understanding of ideas	5.5 / 10
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You have some great ideas, but they are sometimes not entirely clear in how they are worded. For example, I do not understand what it means when you say "After realizing the vibrant nature of the African men with respect to their industrial activities..." You also refer to West-eastern and a West coastal plan. I am not certain what these statements mean. It might help to submit your paper and this feedback to a writing tutor. A writing tutor can help you to organize your thoughts and find focus and organization. You will also need to review the difference between footnotes and a bibliography and include both in your paper. The sources in your bibliography should not be numbered. Footnotes should be inserted wherever you use information from a source, cite the exact location in that source, and increase in number each time you insert them. Please refer to the resources that we have in our course and the library.

Total 51.25 / 100

Overall Score