

Criteria	Level 4 4 points	Level 3 3 points	Level 2 2 points	Level 1 1 point	Level 0 0 points	Criterion Score
Paper answers all questions included in the prompt.	All 3 questions are answered thoroughly and clearly, with substance and supporting claims and evidence.	All 3 questions are answered but some answers may lack substance, clarity, or supporting evidence.	Only two questions are answered and/or those answers lack substance, clarity, or supporting evidence.	Only one question is answered and/or answer lacks substance, clarity, or supporting answer.	Did not answer questions asked in the prompt.	/ 4
Supporting evidence and documentation	Uses minimum of textbook and one reputable non-textbook source to support claims made, sources are used strategically to add substance to argument, and all sources are properly referenced.	Uses minimum of textbook and one reputable non-textbook source to support claims made but sources do not add substance to argument. All sources are properly referenced.	Uses only one source (textbook or non-textbook) to support claims made and source may not add substance to argument. All sources are properly referenced.	Sources used but are not properly referenced.	No sources used.	/ 4
Argument	Makes clear, thoughtful argument that justify answers to all questions asked. Argument is grounded in course content such as relevant theories, concepts, or evidence presented in textbook/lecture.	Makes clear argument that justify answers to all questions asked but may lack proper grounding in or understanding of course content.	Argument(s) lack clarity, are ill-formed, do not reflect a proper grounding in and understanding of course content.	Argument is weak, is not grounded in course content, and/or is missing from part of the paper.	No argument is made in the paper.	/ 4
Paper structure	Paper follows required 5 paragraph structure and all formatting guidelines, including length requirements.	Paper follows required 5 paragraph structure but with minor formatting errors.	Paper follows 5 paragraph structure but may have more significant formatting or length errors.	Paper does not follow 5 paragraph structure and has significant formatting or length errors.	Fails to meet any formatting and structure guidelines.	/ 4
Quality of writing	Proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation are used throughout paper.	Paper suffers from minor grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors, but overall quality is good.	Paper suffers from repeated grammatical, spelling, or punctuation mistakes, but overall quality is acceptable.	Paper suffers from extensive grammatical, spelling, or punctuation mistakes and overall quality is poor.		/ 4

Total / 20

Overall Score