

1. Briefly summarize "[Affirmative Action is Not Racial Profiling](#) ↓" by Tim Wise; try to capture Wise's main idea and supporting points in a concise paragraph that is delivered entirely in your own words (avoid quoting directly from the text).
2. Discuss the following question: **How do Wise's and Mac Donald's arguments about affirmative action compare? Who do you believe is most correct and why? Aim to write a clear and complete paragraph.**
3. Complete vocabulary building exercise by doing the following:
  - I. Quote a sentence from the assigned reading that includes a vocabulary word you are not familiar with or a word you might want to use in a future assignment (please bold, underline, or highlight your chosen word, so I can easily identify it).
  - II. Provide the correct dictionary definition that corresponds with how your chosen vocabulary word is used in the quotation provided.
  - III. Use your chosen vocabulary word in an original sentence that is expressed in your own words.

## Grading Rubric

Aim for excellence! These are the criteria for what comprises an "Excellent" rating for a discussion post:

- Submission includes a brief summary of the assigned reading's thesis, or central idea.
- Submission includes a clear analysis, or breakdown, of argumentative tactics that assigned reading uses.
- Submission includes the vocabulary building exercise, which consists of a quoted sentence from assigned reading that includes your chosen vocabulary word, a dictionary definition of chosen vocabulary work, and an original sentence that demonstrates comprehension of the chosen vocabulary word.

Unit 2 Reading Journal Rubric (v2)				
Criteria	Ratings			Pts
Summary	<b>3 pts Complete</b> Submission includes the complete summary of assigned reading. You've done a good job of identifying the main idea of the text and distilling each section to its main point.	<b>1.5 pts Needs Improvement</b> Your summary is incomplete and needs more development in identifying the main idea and supporting points of the viewpoint paper.	<b>0 pts No submission</b> No summary of the reading submitted.	3 pts
Explanation	<b>3 pts Complete</b> Submission clearly responds to assignment prompts providing specific examples from the text (e.g. quotes and paraphrase) and in-depth discussion of the source material.	<b>1.5 pts Needs Improvement</b> The response lacks depth and specificity; does not adequately break down the source material and support claims with evidence and explanation.	<b>0 pts No submission</b> No evaluation submitted.	3 pts
Vocabulary Include quoted sentences, dictionary definitions, and original sentences for two vocabulary words from assigned reading.	<b>3 pts Complete</b> Submission includes a quoted sentence, dictionary definitions, and original sentences for a vocabulary word from the assigned reading.	<b>1.5 pts Needs Improvement</b> Components of the vocabulary exercise are incomplete or missing.	<b>0 pts No Submission</b> No vocabulary words submitted.	3 pts
Total Points: 9				

