

Grading Rubric for Synthesis Paper

Name: _____ Total Points: _____

Title: _____ 5 4 3 2 1
Clearly indicates what the paper is about.

Introduction: _____ 20 18 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2
Provides enough background information to understand the nature of the problem and includes a strong thesis statement.

Main Body of Paper: _____ 30 27 24 21 18 15 12 9 6 3
Key aspects of the chosen topic are covered with no significant omissions. Important concepts are defined or explained as needed. Every point is substantiated with strong evidence and appropriate references.

Conclusion: _____ 15 13 11 9 7 5 3 1
Recapitulates the thesis statement and summarizes the main points of the paper.

Writing: _____ 20 18 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2
The writing is clear and concise with minimal spelling and grammatical errors.

References: _____ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
Appropriate references are cited in the text and literature cited. Citations include all necessary information and presented in proper format.

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