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The paper will be graded according to the following categories:

\_\_\_ Overall Content (20%)

Did your paper have an in-depth examination of the chosen topic or was it just a cursory look at the area? Is it of sufficient length? Are examples and/or diagrams used to clarify important pieces of information?

\_\_\_ References and Bibliography (10%)

Is it evident that you have spent adequate time in the library? Do you have a substantial number of sources for the topic chosen? Have you consulted all of the available and obvious materials? Are the sources authoritative? (Note: You may not cite Wikipedia as an authoritative source.)

\_\_\_ Conformance to Format Specification (10%)

Is the paper 12-17 pages (including the title page)? Does it conform to the given Word template? Are the references formatted correctly and alphabetized? Are the figures and tables formatted correctly?

\_\_\_ Organization and Structure (15%)

Is it obvious that you were following an outline? Does your paper "ramble" or do the points fit together and follow well from what proceeds? Is there an appropriate introduction and conclusion?

\_\_\_ Grammar (15%)

Are all of the sentences well formed? Are there sentence fragments? Do subjects and verbs agree? Are verb tenses consistent? Are the standard rules of English grammar used?

\_\_\_ Spelling and Typing (10%)

Are words spelled correctly? Do not rely totally on a spelling checker as these will miss a large number of words which are incorrectly used. Avoid using contractions and the words "I" and "you".

\_\_\_ Cohesion (10%)

Does all of the material given "belong" here? Have you simply listed isolated pieces of information from various sources or have you summarized, blended, and found the common themes from these sources and brought them together into a result that is more than just the sum of its parts?

\_\_\_ Writing Style (10%)

Is the paper easy to read? Is it interesting? Do you exhibit some originality and creativity? Does it flow? Does it pull the reader in and keep their interest until the end?

\_\_\_ Total Score (total of above categories)

\_\_\_ Late Penalty (minus 10% per day)

\_\_\_ Final Score