

HIS122 Critical Thinking Assignment Rubric

CriteriaRatingsPoints

Topic/Introduction

Topic, ideas and argument are clearly stated for the intended audience. Shows synthesis of topic. Provides appropriate background information/defines important elements and concepts essential to understanding the topic.

7 pts

Topic, ideas and argument are pretty clear for the intended audience, but needs sharpening. Interprets topic and shows an understanding of material. Provides some background information and indicates most of the points to be covered.

6 pts

Topic, ideas and argument are stated, but the thinking is fuzzy, resulting in a disorganized focus. Topic is understood but unsupported. Provides some background information and indicates most of the points to be covered.

5 pts

Topic, ideas and argument are not stated though one might be able to infer the ideas. Topic may be understood but is not explained clearly. Provides minimal background information and indicates little of the points to be covered.

3 pts

No Submission

0 pts

/7 pts

Analysis

Analysis is developed to be concrete and scenic with narrative rather than just "tell" with abstract exposition. Concrete examples, quotations, anecdotes, descriptions, images etc. are fully developed in effective proportion to support the ideas. Analysis describes the issue/situation(s) and its relevance – historical, societal, political, and/or economic impacts and provides an overview of the various viewpoints surrounding the issue.

8 pts

Same as prior, but examples are not as vivid, and some of the points remain at the telling or abstract level. A few good examples from research is offered. Describes the issues and relevance with detail but may be lacking in some areas.

6 pts

Analysis is fairly clear and follows topic and ideas, but tends to remain stuck at the abstract level. All "tell" and no "show." Descriptions of key issues lack refinement and detail. Facets of the analysis and description may contain errors or lack critical thinking.

5 pts

Same as prior, but ideas are general. Description of key issues is off topic or completely erroneous in nature. Critical thinking and analysis is not apparent.

2 pts

No Submission

0 pts

/8 pts

Mechanics

Writing uses Standard Edited American English. Language and diction are appropriate to audience. Follows rules for grammar, spelling and usage. APA formatting is present

5 pts

Same as prior, but with a few minor lapses. Follows rules for grammar, spelling and usage with a few typographical errors. Writing style tends to be a little rough in spots. APA formatting is somewhat present

4 pts

Same as prior, but more lapses in grammar, spelling and usage that do not interfere with understanding. APA formatting is presented but overall incorrect.

3 pts

Writing seeks to follow Standard American English for the most part, but language is often inappropriate for audience. Errors in grammar, spelling and usage interfere with understanding. APA formatting is present but inadequate or severely deficient.

1 pts

No Submission

0 pts

/5 pts