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Grading Rubric

Introduction	Inadequate	Pass	Satisfactory	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Does the introduction clearly introduce the topic or question to which the paper is devoted?						
Does the introduction clearly state the thesis for which the paper argues?						
Does the introduction clearly and briefly indicate how the author is going to argue for this thesis?						
Does the introduction succeed in conveying to the reader why the topic or question pursued in this paper is worthwhile and interesting?						
Main Body						
Does the main body of the paper clearly argue for the main thesis of the paper?						
How persuasive are the arguments provided in the main section of the paper?						
Conclusion						
Does the conclusion of the paper clearly and briefly summarize the main results of the paper?						
Does the conclusion briefly indicate interesting future repercussions of the topic pursued in the paper?						
Mechanics						
Is this paper well-written?						
Does the paper contain grammatical mistakes?						
Does the paper read as though it was based on a previously worked-out outline?						
Does the author appear knowledgeable about the readings on which the paper is based?						
Does the paper read as though the author spent time proof-reading and editing it?						

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Are all titles of works referred to in the paper marked by italicizing, underlining or putting them into quotation marks?						
Does the paper contain the right number of direct quotations from the texts or secondary literature?						
Are all the quotations clearly marked?						
Are all the references properly cited?						
Is the paper clearly divided into an introduction, a main body and a conclusion?						
Overall						
Does the paper have a clear thesis?						
Is the thesis original and/or creative?						
Is the paper clearly responsive to the topic or question the author has chosen to write on?						
Is this paper clearly written?						
Does the author interpret the positions s/he is discussing in this paper in a charitable fashion?						
Is all the material included in this paper directly relevant to its main thesis?						
Does the author express himself or herself concisely and economically?						
In what ways could the paper have been improved?						
What is the strongest part of the paper?						