**Article Critique Guideline**

1. Article Critique is mandatory for Masters Students, and it carries 100 points.
2. Select a research paper or an article of your own choice that is relevant to your course.
3. Pre-approval of the topic is not required.
4. There is no restriction on the number of pages. Grading will be based on the quality not quantity-so be precise and to the point.
5. The critique paper may be submitted in MS Word format. (no hard requirements on font size, margins etc. )
6. It must be individual effort, and two students cannot select the same research paper or article
7. The due date for submission is three weeks before the last class. The dates are firm and cannot be extended.
8. The article critique would be evaluated using a carefully thought rubric (see next page)

**Rubric for Article Review**

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| **Criteria** | **Highly Competent**  **(100%)** | **Competent**  **(85%)** | **Not quite Competent (70%)** | **Inadequate**  **(60%)** |
| **Summary and Analysis**  **40%** | Clearly written:   1. **Analysis**—all major points discussed 2. **Summary**— Excellent summary, with key proposal, findings, and conclusion. | Minor flaws in analysis only | Minor flaws in analysis, as well as summary | * Major flaws in analysis and summary |
| **Reflection**  **30%** | Clearly written shortcomings of the research article and if you were the author, how would you address (reflections)? | Minor flaws in finding the shortcomings only | Minor flaws in finding the shortcomings, as well as the reflections | Major flaws in finding the shortcomings, as well as the reflections |
| **Organization & Development of Ideas**  **15%** | Logical development of ideas through well- developed paragraphs, good use of transitions. | Logical organization, paragraph development not perfected. | Logical organization, paragraphs not fully developed. | No structure or organization. |
| **Mechanics**  **15%** | * Meets length requirement. * 1-2 grammatical errors. * 1-2 punctuation errors. * APA/MLA Guidelines are meticulously followed. * Adheres to Font/Spacing Guidelines. | * Meets length requirement * 3-4 grammatical errors. * 3-4 punctuation errors. * One error in APA/MLA guidelines * Not adheres to either Font or Spacing guidelines. | * Length requirement is not met * 5-6 grammatical errors * 5-6 punctuation errors * Two errors in APA/MLA guidelines * Neither Font nor Spacing guidelines adherence | * Does not meet Length requirement * Numerous grammatical errors * Numerous punctuation errors * Three errors in APA/MLA * Neither Font nor Spacing guidelines adherence. |