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| **Criterion** | **Inadequate**  **(0 points)** | **Lacking elements**  **(1 point)** | **Adequate**  **(2 points)** | **Well done**  **(3 points)** | **Exceptional**  **(4 points)** |
| *Relates to reading* | Paper topic does not relate to assigned readings. | Paper topic has only a tangential relationship to the assigned readings. | The paper topic clearly relates to the assigned readings. | The paper topic relates to the reading and provides distinctive insight. |  |
| *Exhibits personal experience or current event* | Does not contain any personal experience or reflection. | Very limited personal experience or reflection. | Contains some personal experience or reflection. | Personal experience or reflection is a significant part of the essay. | Personal experience or reflection is a substantial part of the essay and is exceptional and unique. |
| *Discusses the ethical implications of chosen topic* | Does not discuss ethical implications. | Very limited or incomplete discussion of ethical implications. | Contains some discussion or exploration of ethical implications. | Discussion of ethical implications is a significant part of the essay. | Discussion of ethical implications is a significant part of the essay, thoughtful, and accurate. |
| *Coherent theme or point with support evidence*\*\* | No point of view or evidence can be detected. | Point of view is unclear or confusing and/or support is not suitable. | Support is incomplete or unclear. | Point of view is clear and consistent, with suitable support. |  |
| *Readability*  (grammar and spelling) | Not readable, too many errors. | Readable but with difficulty, errors exist. | Readable, not many errors. |  |  |
| *Required format*  (500-750 words, double-spaced, proper file type) | Does not meet the required format. | Meets only one format requirement. | Meets two of the format requirements. | Meets required format. |  |
| *Single, complete sentence is present in comment section of Bb to explain the essay* | Comment is not present. | Comment is present. |  |  |  |

**\*\****Support evidence* is a book (other than the text), news article, magazine article, encyclopedia, or other reviewed reliable sources. Blogs and Wikipedia DO NOT count. (Hint: Wikipedia often references credible sources mentioned.)

**DUE** **Friday**. Consult the syllabus for exact dates (not assigned every week). Use the assignment feature in Blackboard to submit your work. The system will date/time stamp your submission so there will be no question whether you are on time, or not.

**Late essay submissions:** *Email the TA with an attachment*. 2 point deduction for each day (every 24 hours) and not accepted after Monday at 10:00 (the next class). The maximum deduction for being late is 6 points. So, if not in on time, 2 points off, if in after 10:00 on Saturday, then 2 more points off, and turned in after 10:00 on Sunday, another deduction, and only accepted until 10:00 Monday.