**Discussion Board Forums: Thread Grading Rubric**

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| **Criteria** | **Levels of Achievement** | | | | **Points**  **Earned** |
| **Proficient** | **Average** | **Developing** | **Novice** |
| **Format** | **20 to 20 points**  There is 1 article summarized that utilizes the subject of the key term/concept. The term is defined, the article is summarized, and a thorough 500-word discussion of both is provided. | **15 to 19 points**  The key term/concept and article selection are clear, but the supporting information is general. | **5 to 14 points**  The key term/concept and article selection are somewhat clear, but there is a need for more supporting information. | **0 to 4 points**  The key term/concept and article selection are not clear. There is a seemingly random collection of information. |  |
| **Content** | **20 to 20 points**  Relevant, logical, supported, quality details give the reader important information that goes beyond the obvious or predictable. | **15 to 19 points**  Supporting details and information are relevant, but one key issue or portion of the writing is unsupported. | **5 to 14 points**  Supporting details and information are relevant, but several key issues or portions of the writing are unsupported. | **0 to 4 points**  Supporting details and information are typically unclear or not related to the topic. |  |
| **Grammar & Mechanics** | **15 to 15 points**  Writer makes no errors in grammar, spelling, or mechanics that distract the reader from the content. | **10 to 14 points**  Writer makes 1–2 errors in grammar, spelling, or mechanics that distract the reader from the content. | **5 to 9 points**  Writer makes 3–4 errors in grammar, spelling, or mechanics that distract the reader from the content. | **0 to 4 points**  Writer makes more than 4 errors in grammar, spelling, or mechanics that distract the reader from the content. |  |
| **Current APA Format** | **15 to 15 points**  All sources used for quotes and facts are credible, and all researched articles are cited correctly in in the reference section in current APA format. | **10 to 14 points**  All sources used for quotes and facts are credible, most are cited correctly, and 2 or more are cited in the reference section in current APA format. | **5 to 9 points**  Most sources used for quotes and facts are credible and cited correctly, and only 1 article is cited in the reference section in current APA format. | **0 to 4 points**  Many sources used for quotes and facts are less than credible (suspect), and/or are not cited correctly. |  |
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| **Instructor’s Comments:** | | | | | |