

## Paper Evaluation Template

Student:

### **Introduction/Thesis:**

Introduction:

Does the introduction lay out a clear plan for answering the question? Do they have a clear hypothesis and line of argument to address it?

	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Marginal	Poor
Clear topic-q. of pressing importance					
Clear objective					
Feasible question					
Feasible scope					
Clear plan – 2-4 steps of analysis					
Clear hypothesis					
Clear line of argument to address it					
Overall					

Comments:

### **Analysis**

*Literature Review*

	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Marginal	Poor
Incorporation of class material					
Knowledge of historical, political & economic context					
Use of academic books and articles vs.					

internet sources					
Knowledge of the issue					
Overall					

Comments:

*Analysis- data*

	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Marginal	Poor
Objective, unemotional approach					
Spectrum of approaches and counter-arguments considered					
Clear set of assertions linked to thesis & evidence					
Appropriate use of reliable data (events and stats)					
Original point of view (vs. cut and paste)					
Well-organized-modularity & flow					
Overall					

Comments:

**Conclusion**

Does the paper contain a clear conclusion that comes naturally from the literature review, evidence, and logical analysis? Are there clear recommendations/results from the analysis? Does the conclusion have a clear recommendation that is feasible and politically pragmatic?

	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Marginal	Poor
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Clear conclusion					
Fits with thesis					
Flows logically from evidence					
Acknowledges limits					
Clear and feasible recommendation					
Overall					

Comments:

**Style/Formatting**

Is the paper formatted professionally? Any spelling or grammar errors? Any problems with style? Does the author use an economy of words, avoiding repetition? Does the author use an active as opposed to a passive voice?

Do the different parts of the paper flow together to answer the question? Is the analysis well-embedded with the interpretation? Is the paper appropriately written for the audience (an expert)?

	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Marginal	Poor
Professional formatting					
Spelling and grammar					
Pleasing to eye					
Active not passive voice					
Flow throughout paper					
Analysis well-embedded w/interpretation					
Written for an expert audience					
Bibliography well-documented & formatted					
Overall					

Comments:

**Overall Grade:**

**Late Penalty:**

**Final Grade:**