

Paper Grading Criteria
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An excellent paper will:	Superior	Fulfils Assignment	Needs Work	Unfulfilled
Structure				
Have an introductory paragraph, which states the main topic or problem of the paper, including a thesis statement				
Stay on topic throughout the essay				
Be well organized and have an easy to follow train of thought or argument				
Integrate and explain any quotations				
Have a concluding paragraph in which the points of the paper are summarized				
Content				
Be correct in its attributions and in factual details (i.e., it gets right the philosophical positions and empirical facts)				
Define key terms				
Explain ideas and arguments using the author's own words				
Summarize the key steps in each argument addressed				
Provide an original argument for the author's position (not simply repeats what is in the text or notes from class discussions)				
Clearly and explicitly articulate all the steps in the author's reasoning				
Presentation				
Use clear and understandable language				
Have minimal typos, spelling mistakes, grammatical errors				
Cites all sources				
Additional comments:				

Grade: _____