

Grading Rubric for ASTR 1020 Papers

Qualities & Criteria	Poor	Good	Excellent
Format/Layout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of the text ▪ Structuring of text ▪ Follows requirements of length, font and style 	<p>Follows poorly the requirements related to format and layout.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> (0 points)</p>	<p>Follows, for the most part, all the requirements related to format and layout. Some requirements are not followed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> (1 points)</p>	<p>Closely follows all the requirements related to format and layout.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> (2 points)</p>
Content/Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All elements of the topics are addressed ▪ The information is technically sound ▪ Information based on careful research ▪ Coherence of information 	<p>The essay is not objective and addresses poorly the issues referred in the proposed topic. The provided information is not necessary or not sufficient to discuss these issues.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> (1 points)</p>	<p>The essay is objective and for the most part addresses with an in depth analysis most of the issues referred in the proposed topic. The provided information is, for the most part, necessary and sufficient to discuss these issues.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> (3 points)</p>	<p>The essay is objective and addresses with an in depth analysis all the issues referred in the proposed topic. The provided information is necessary and sufficient to discuss these issues.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> (4 points)</p>
Quality of Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clarity of sentences and paragraphs ▪ No errors and spelling, grammar and use of English ▪ Organization and coherence of ideas 	<p>The essay is not well written, and contains many spelling errors, and/or grammar errors and/or use of English errors. The essay is badly organized, lacks clarity and/or does not present ideas in a coherent way.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> (0 points)</p>	<p>The essay is well written for the most part, without spelling, grammar or use of English errors. The essay is for the most part well organized, clear and presents ideas in a coherent way.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> (1 points)</p>	<p>The essay is well written from start to finish, without spelling, grammar or use of English errors. The essay is well organized, clear and presents ideas in a coherent way.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> (2 points)</p>
References and use of references <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scholarly level of references ▪ How effective the references are used in the essay ▪ Soundness of references ▪ APA style in reference list and for citations 	<p>Most of the references used are not important, and/or are not of good/scholarly quality. There is not a minimum of 2 scholarly resources, and/or they are not used effectively in the essay. References are not effectively used, and/or correctly cited and/or correctly listed in the reference list.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> (0 points)</p>	<p>Most of the references used are important, and are of good/scholarly quality. There is a minimum of 2 scholarly resources that are for the most part used effectively in the essay. Most of the references are effectively used, correctly cited and correctly listed in the reference list.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> (1 points)</p>	<p>All the references used are important, and are of good/scholarly quality. There is a minimum of 2 scholarly resources that are used effectively in the essay. All the references are effectively used, correctly cited and correctly listed in the reference list.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> (2 points)</p>
<p>Overriding criterion: Originality and authenticity. If the essay is identified as not being original, and/or not done by the student, grade for the paper is an F.</p>			