

Topic Paper Rubric
Version 2.4

Topic Paper	Beginning	Emerging	Competent	Exemplary
Topic Posted To Discussion Board (2)	Topic never posted.	Topic posted late.	Topic posted and approved, format incorrect.	Topic posted and approved, format correct.
Abstract (2)	Absent	Present, but adds no value	Present and useful	Entices the reader to read the topic paper
Introduction (4)	Introduction to the topic not provided.	Introduction is weak.	Introduction is well written.	Introduction is well written and uses content from the remainder of the paper.
Vocabulary (4)	Less than ten vocabulary words somewhat connected to the topic	Ten vocabulary words connected to the topic and well defined.	Ten or more vocabulary words connected to the topic and well defined with some sources provided.	Vocabulary defined well with complete references. Vocabulary is ALL quotes with good sources.
Top Ten Facts (8)	Less than ten accurate facts somewhat connected to the topic.	Ten facts connected to the topic connected to the topic.	Ten facts connected to the topic connected to the topic with weak references.	Ten or more useful, accurate facts connected to the topic with complete references. Facts are paraphrased (not all quotes) and uniquely related to the topic.
Resources (web or books) (4)	Less than five resources somewhat connected to the topic.	Five resources connected to the topic with trivial summaries.	Five or more resources (all web based) closely connected with useful summaries.	Five or more strong resources closely connected with useful summaries (unique connection with topic).
Presentation (2)	Topic Paper is late and unorganized.	Topic paper is somewhat organized and submitted on time.	Topic Paper is typed, organized, and submitted on time.	Topic Paper is typed, has correct header, well organized, submitted on time and subject/file name formatted properly.
(*) – designates the category multiplier				

Choose a topic related to the class. Choose and define (include complete references) ten vocabulary words that are closely related to the topic and appropriate. Create a top ten fact list of ideas that is connected to the topic. Find at least 5 good web resources for your topic. Provide a paragraph summary of each website. Type your paper and submit it in Bb. The format should be header, abstract, introduction, vocabulary list, fact list, or bullets.

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