

PAPER EVALUATION

Circle all those that apply:

Strengths: Argument and Presentation

- Clear thesis.
- Paper is logical and convincing, i.e., Solid reasoning throughout.
- Good introduction, i.e., Interesting and anticipates argument.
- Good conclusion, i.e., Effectively summarizes argument.
- Well organized.
- Plentiful and well-chosen evidence supports thesis.
- Good grasp of key issues.
- Addressed all aspects of the question.

Weaknesses: Argument

- Essay lacks a clear, specific thesis.
- Arguments are unclear or incomplete.
- Arguments are not substantiated with sufficient evidence.
- Too many facts, citations or quotations without analysis.
- Factual errors.
- Misused key terms or concepts.

Weaknesses: Presentation

- Weak paragraphing, e.g., Unrelated ideas are strung together.
- Paper is poorly organized and does not follow a clear outline.
- No/weak introduction.
- No/weak conclusion.
- Insufficient attribution, i.e., Sources are used without proper citations.
- Grammatical and/or spelling errors.
- Partially or mostly incoherent.

Advice

- Always proofread or have someone proofread your work.
- Prepare an outline before you begin to write.
- Read the question carefully and address all parts of the question.
- Spend more time preparing your answer; use lectures/books.
- For future assignments, seek the assistance of the Writing Center.

Your grade for this paper:

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