

Essay Evaluation Activity



Introduction to World Politics
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There are at least three purposes to this assignment. The first is to encourage you to write better and more coherently. The second is to expose you to more explanations of these topics, and from other points of view. The third is to allow me to determine your level of understanding of this topic. We achieved the first purpose when you discovered that your paper would be undergoing peer review. We will achieve the second and third purposes here.

To Do

Read each of the three papers assigned to you. Print out and fill in the evaluation form for each of the three papers. Additionally, you are to attach a (typed) summary of the evaluation, focusing on the strengths of the paper.

The five evaluation levels are Insufficient, Poor, Fair, Good, and Perfect. A score of *Perfect* indicates that there are no errors in that category. A score of *Good* indicates that there are few errors in that category. A score of *Fair* indicates that there are more than a few errors in that category, but they do not significantly affect the readability of the thoughts. A score of *Poor* indicates that the number of errors is so great that the readability is affected. A score of *Insufficient* indicates that there is doubt in the evaluator's mind that the author knows what he or she is writing. This includes structural (headings are missing, sections are out of order, improper spelling is frequent, commas seem placed randomly) and conceptual (it is not clear what each theory means, it is not clear what the differences are, it is clear that the author does not know).

To Hand In

On the due date, you will hand in the forms with the summary evaluations stapled to each, with the entire stack of six pages stapled together. Please put your name *only* on the evaluation forms.

You should evaluate the papers fairly and thoughtfully, otherwise *you* will not get the full benefit from this exercise. Having you evaluate a paper allows me to see more clearly what *you*, the evaluator, do and do not understand. As such, I will grade *your* evaluation for correct understanding of the theories, the format, and the reference list.

If there is an error in the papers you read, but you do not catch that error, then you will not receive full points for this assignment.

Evaluation Forms

There are two different evaluation forms attached. Use the first for papers that answered the "Theme" question. Use the second form for papers that answered the "Realism" question.

Remember for both: In addition to this checklist, write a ½ to 1 page (typed) summary of the strengths of this paper. Include the author ID number on these summaries.

Author Identification Number: _____

	Insufficient	Poor	Fair	Good	Perfect
Mechanics					
Grammar errors absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spelling errors absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Typographical errors absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stylesheet followed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Citations properly formatted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theme/Idea					
Theme/Idea clearly stated and defined	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theme/Idea present in the Peace of Westphalia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theme/Idea present in the UN Charter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theme/Idea changed through time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Argument					
Changes in theme/idea clearly demonstrated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facts used for support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sufficient number of treaties/events used	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Structure					
Chronologically structured	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section headings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transitions between sections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Reference List					
Reference List Correctly Formatted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All References Listed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enough non-Internet sources used (at least 10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Outline Followed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Classical Realism					
Definition Provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Explanation of Event Correct	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Explanation of Event Clear	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Liberal Realism					
Definition Provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Structural Realism					
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