

## ***GOVT Paper Rubric (TOTAL: 100 points):***

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Early Thinker</b>	<b>Beginning Thinker</b>	<b>Practicing Thinker</b>	<b>Advancing Thinker</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Control of Syntax &amp; Mechanics (WC)</b>  <b>Paper Format</b>	2 points  Wrote less than 3 pages for the actual body of the paper.  Did not use APA template.  Template has more than 4 formatting errors (i.e. uses incorrect margin specifications, multiple spaces between paragraphs to lengthen paper, centers entire paper).	5 points  Wrote between 3-5 full pages for the actual body of the paper.  Used APA Template, and has less than 4 formatting errors.	8 points  Wrote between 3- 5 full pages for the actual body of the paper.  Used APA Template and has less than 2 formatting errors.	10 points  Wrote between 3-5 full pages for the actual body of the paper.  Used APA Template.  Template has no formatting errors: correct title page, fonts, margins, double-spacing, no spacing errors, correct header, title page, and reference page.	10
<b>Control of Syntax &amp; Mechanics (WC)</b>  <b>Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation, and Capitalization</b>	2 points  Student does not use correct grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. Multiple errors found in submitted assignment.	5 points  Student assignment contains some incorrect grammar, spelling punctuation, and capitalization.	8 points  Student assignment contains few instances of incorrect grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.	10 points  Student uses correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.	10
<b>Introduction</b>  <b>Context &amp; Purpose of Writing (WC)</b>  <b>Student's Position (CT)</b>  <b>Topic Selection (SR/I&amp;S)</b>	1 point  Specific position is not stated in the introduction.  Omits introductory paragraph.	2 points  In the introductory paragraph, specific position is not clearly stated or the thesis or is too simplistic – attempt was made but it is very hard to tell what student is going to write about in paper.	3 points  In the introductory paragraph the paper overview is clear but it does not fully take into account the complexities of the issues / topic that will be discussed.	5 points  In the introductory paragraph, specific position is stated and information is given that demonstrates the student has taken into account the complexities of the issues.	5
<b>Paper Contents</b>  <b>Explanation of Issues (CT)</b>  <b>Existing</b>	10 points  Varieties of perspectives are not presented or the presentation is inaccurate.	20 points  Varieties of perspectives are acknowledged and accurate, but presentation is shallow	30 points  Varieties of perspectives are acknowledged, but details are not fully presented.	40 points  Variety of perspectives are acknowledged and presented accurately with full, detailed	40

<p><b>Knowledge, Research &amp; Views Included (SR/I&amp;S)</b></p> <p><b>Analysis (SR/I&amp;S)</b></p> <p><b>Content Development (WC)</b></p> <p><b>Design Process (SR/I&amp;S)</b></p>	<p>Few concepts and explanations addressed in a context-rich manner.</p> <p>Paper exceeds more than 30% direct quotes.</p> <p>Topic viewpoints and issues are stated without clarification.</p> <p>Little analysis to compare and contrast primary and secondary source information. Sources are not used to their full capability.</p> <p>Sources are not placed in a logical place in the paper to show thorough analysis – a more thoughtful presentation of sources would have shown better analysis and understanding.</p>	<p>and simplistic.</p> <p>Some key concepts and explanations are addressed in a somewhat organized, context-rich manner.</p> <p>Paper contains no more than 30% direct quotes.</p> <p>Topic viewpoints and issues are stated but descriptions are ambiguous and vague.</p> <p>Some analysis to compare and contrast primary and secondary source information. Sources could be used in a more effective manner.</p>	<p>Most key concepts and explanations are addressed in an organized, context-rich manner.</p> <p>Paper contains no more than 20% direct quotes.</p> <p>Topic viewpoints and issues are stated and defined so that understanding is not seriously impeded by omissions.</p> <p>Adequate analysis to compare and contrast primary and secondary source information. Sources are properly replied upon, placed, and used.</p>	<p>information.</p> <p>Key concepts and explanations are addressed in a comprehensive, organized, context-rich manner.</p> <p>Paper contains no more than 20% direct quotes.</p> <p>Topic viewpoints and issues are clearly stated and defined with all relevant information necessary for full understanding.</p> <p>Complete analysis to compare and contrast primary and secondary source information.</p>	
<p><b>Conclusion (CT, SR/I&amp;S)</b></p> <p><b>Limitations &amp; Implications (SR/I&amp;S)</b></p> <p><b>Influence of Context &amp; Assumptions (CT)</b></p>	<p>1 point</p> <p>Poor summary of information.</p> <p>Conclusion is inconsistently tied to the information presented.</p>	<p>2 points</p> <p>Shallow summary of information.</p> <p>Conclusion is tied to information presented but does not elaborate to tie in information presentation in paper to show understanding of material.</p>	<p>3 points</p> <p>Good summary of information.</p> <p>Conclusion is logical and related to paper, but is weakly tied to evidence presented in the paper.</p>	<p>5 points</p> <p>Excellent summary of information.</p> <p>Conclusion and related outcomes are logical and reflect student's informed evaluation of information based on evidence and perspectives included in the paper.</p>	<p>5</p>

<b>Evidence (CT, WC)</b>  <b>References</b>	5 points  Complete, accurate APA citations for a minimum of 2 sources that meet assignment criteria.  Less than 70% of the in-text citations are complete and accurate.	10 points  Complete, accurate APA citations for a minimum of 3 sources that meet assignment criteria.  70% of the in-text citations are complete and accurate.	20 points  Complete, accurate APA citations for a minimum of 4 sources that meet assignment criteria.  80% of the in-text citations are complete and accurate.	30 points  Complete, accurate APA citations for a minimum of 4 sources that meet assignment criteria.  All in-text citations are complete and accurate.	30
<b>Total</b>					100