

Valencia Community College

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Critical Thinking Rubric

% of total	10%	10%	20%	35%	5%	20%
	Identification of major point in editorial	Summarization of reasoning or argument	Identification of major assumptions	Analysis/evaluation of assumptions and reasoning	Questions necessary to understand issues	Documentation of Research
A	Major point is clearly stated in one or two short sentences.	Summary of the reasoning supporting the argument is clear, correct and brief.	Assumptions (including unstated ones) that underpin the major points are identified and explained.	Evaluation is thorough and based on research. Opinions are stated as opinions. Evaluation of the major assumptions is careful and insightful.	Has uncovered important questions that need answers in order to fully understand the issues involved.	Has used at least 4 Internet sources, from at least 2 Valencia databases, cited them in the analysis, and followed correct MLA form.
B	Major point is identified.	Summary of the reasoning is correct.	Found the major assumption and most of the important assumptions.	Evaluation is based on research, and demonstrates understanding of major ideas and assumptions. Opinions are stated as opinions.	Has found some important questions relevant to the issues	Has used at least three Internet sources, using at least two Valencia databases, cited them in the analysis, and followed correct MLA form in documentation.
C	Major point is mentioned but is not clearly stated.	Summary of the reasoning is largely correct.	Finds some of the major assumptions	Evaluation demonstrates research, is brief and addresses the major assumptions. Most opinions are stated as opinions.	Has found one or two important questions. Has missed others	Has used at least three Internet sources, cited them in the analysis, and followed correct MLA form in documentation.

D	Either misses the major point or the writing is unclear.	Summary is unclear and/or largely inaccurate.	Missed major assumptions and/or states some that are not assumptions.	Evaluation is not based on sound research. Misses some major assumptions or does not evaluate them. Many opinions stated as fact.	Has missed the most important questions or has mentioned some that are largely irrelevant	Two or less internet sources. Has not used them in the analysis. Poor form for documentation.
F	Misses the major point entirely.	Summary is inaccurate or too confusing to understand	Missed the major assumptions- - found others that the author did not make.	Evaluation is missing or almost completely inaccurate. Missed evaluating most of the major assumptions.	No thoughtful questions mentioned	No Internet sources or the sites quoted are not relevant and were not used in the analysis. Form is poor.