

Position Paper Rubric

	Content	Organization	Images and Graphs	Sources
Excellent 90-100	Content is rich, complexity is clarified. Content leads readers to new discovery.	A clear thesis is evident in a concise and engaging opening paragraph followed by supporting paragraphs which reveal complexity and a concluding paragraph with a unique conclusion and suggestions for the future.	Imagery and graphic material is purposeful and highly legible. The body of the paper is enhanced, and there is an opportunity for discovery for the reader.	Sources are varied and thorough representing a diversity of legitimate perspectives and the complexity of the topic. Sources are appropriately cited and listed in a bibliography.
Very Good 80-89	Content is complete and includes relevant detail.	A thesis is evident in a concise opening paragraph followed by supporting paragraphs which reveal complexity and a concluding paragraph with a clear conclusion and suggestions for the future.	Imagery and graphic material is purposeful and legible. The body of the paper is enhanced.	Sources are varied representing a diversity of legitimate perspectives. Sources are cited and listed in a bibliography.
Good 70-79	There is adequate detail. Some extraneous information and minor gaps are included.	A thesis is evident in the opening paragraph followed by supporting paragraphs and a concluding paragraph with a conclusion and suggestions for the future.	Imagery and graphic material is relevant and legible. It supports, but does not add to the body of the paper.	Sources represent a variety of perspectives. Sources are listed in a bibliography.
Below Expectations 60-69	There is insufficient detail, or detail is irrelevant and extraneous.	The thesis is vague in the opening paragraph. Supporting paragraphs don't represent a complete review of the topic, and a concluding paragraph has a weak conclusion with few recommendations for the future.	Imagery and graphic material is present, but detracts from the body of the paper.	Bibliography is limited.