

Grading Rubric/Essays and Presentations		Comments
Advanced		
1. The project/ presentation/essay contains a <u>thesis</u> that makes a strong, clear, and engaging argument and serves as a guiding reference		
2. The thesis is <u>supported</u> with plentiful information that is specific, relevant, and accurate, and that is drawn from a rich variety of sources		
3. The information is effectively interpreted by having explicit <u>connections</u> between the thesis and the evidence throughout the project/presentation/essay		
4. It is well <u>organized</u>		
5. Uses <u>language</u> that is vivid, precise, and engaging		
6. All sources are <u>documented</u> completely and accurately		
7. Any visuals are effectively integrated into the presentation		
8. The overall product demonstrates <u>creativity and/or originality</u> , exceeding the minimum requirements		

Proficient		
1. The project/ presentation/essay contains a <u>thesis that addresses the topic</u> and takes an arguable position		
2. The thesis is supported with <u>sufficient evidence</u> that is specific, relevant, and accurate, and that is drawn from an appropriate variety of sources		
3. <u>Connections</u> between the evidence and the thesis are <u>implied</u> , demonstrating some interpretation. It is logically <u>organized</u>		
4. It is logically <u>organized</u>		
5. <u>Language errors are minor</u> and do not detract from the flow of the argument		
6. Most sources are <u>documented</u> accurately		
7. <u>Visuals</u> used are <u>relevant, clear,</u> and appropriate		
8. The overall product meets the <u>minimum requirements</u> of the assignment		

Basic

1. The project/ presentation/essay contains a thesis that addresses the topic of the assignment
2. The thesis is supported with some evidence that is specific, relevant, and accurate
3. The information is mostly summarized but without making connections to the thesis
4. Language is incorrect, hard to follow
5. The sources for the information are included, but some of the information or formatting may be incorrect or incomplete
6. Visuals are usually relevant to the subject
7. It is poorly organized or explained, resulting in work that is sometimes difficult to follow or understand
8. The overall project/ presentation/essay meets the minimum requirements with some minor errors.

