Dr. John R. Murnane's Grading Rubric: Essays, Presentations and Student-made Films

The 8 areas below are worth 10 points each. 20 points are automatically awarded for a total of 100 points possible.

1. The project/ presentation/essay contains a thesis that makes a strong, clear, and engaging argument and serves as a guiding reference

2. The thesis is supported 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 connections between the thesis and the evidence throughout the project/presentation/essay

4. It is well organized. Information flows from point to point logically

5. Uses language that is vivid, precise, and engaging

6. All sources are documented completely and accurately

7. Any visuals are effectively integrated into the presentation

8. The overall product demonstrates creativity and/or originality, exceeding the minimum requirements

Comments: