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GRADING CHECKLIST FOR PAPERS

		Excellent	Very Good	Good	Needs Work	Not Acceptable	Not Applicable
	<b>ATTENTION TO ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS</b>						
1	Assessed material carefully and wrote about it persuasively.						
2	Properly assessed and answered the prompt						
3	Used material from all of the assigned readings and class discussions, if applicable.						
4	Came up with a clear argument and then proved this argument with a strong thesis, evidence, and conclusion.						
	<b>PAPER'S ARGUMENT AND WRITING TIPS</b>						
6	Avoided global openings – instead drew reader into specific subject.						
7	Introduction included a thesis statement that required evidence and development, and suggested the paper's structure that would follow.						
8	Topic sentences indicated scope of paragraph. Paragraphs centered on coherent ideas and included well-crafted transitions.						
9	Used appropriate verb tense.						
10	Phrasing and word choices are simple. Sentences are clear in their meaning.						
11	Used short well-chosen quotations that were introduced or incorporated into sentences. Avoided free-standing quotes throughout paper.						
12	Use of citations: Had adequate citations for paraphrases. Had adequate citations for information. Had adequate citations for direct quotations. Used footnotes or endnotes in correct form.						
13	Conclusion emphasized significance of argument without introducing a brand-new topic.						
	<b>FINAL CHECKLIST</b>						
14	Illustrative or suggestive title						
15	Appropriate length						
16	Did not use contractions.						
17	Spelling, punctuation and grammar generally correct						
18	Numbered pages						
	<b>AUTOMATIC DEDUCTIONS</b>						
	Grossly inadequate citations						
	Deduction for each day late						

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

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