

Midterm Paper Evaluation Sheet

Name: _____

Evaluation: _____

Criterion	Superior	Good	Average	Below Average	Poor
Assignment Guidelines Followed					
The essay effectively meets the needs of the assignment description.					
Paper formatted appropriately (5-8 pages, 10-12 point font; double-spaced; numbered pages; name, course, & assignment noted) & staples or places assignment in a folder before class.)					
Thesis/Topic/Argument:					
The topic itself is clearly defined, focused, and supported.					
The essay supports its analysis of the essay(s) with specific (and appropriate) evidence, examples, and details.					
The valid reasoning within the essay demonstrates good judgment and an awareness and understanding of the topic's complexities.					
Any primary and secondary sources of information are used carefully and cited appropriately.					
Organization:					
The organization is appropriate for the purpose and subject of the essay.					
The introduction establishes a context, purpose, and audience for writing and contains a focused thesis statement.					
The body paragraphs are controlled by explicit topic sentences; they are well developed; and they progress logically from what precedes them. (If appropriate, headings and subheadings are used.)					
The conclusion moves beyond a mere restatement of the introduction, offering implications for or the significance of the topic.					
Style:					
The prose is clear, readable, and sometimes memorable.					
It contains few surface errors, none of which seriously undermines the overall effectiveness of the paper for educated readers.					
It demonstrates fluency in stylistic flourishes (subordination, variation of sentence and paragraph lengths, interesting vocabulary).					

19 Rules to Review: _____

A-H Hints to Review: _____