

### **Local Issue Report Evaluation Rubric**

#### **Follows basic assignment guidelines:**

- Individual, researched report on a local woman's issue
- 3-4 typed pages, double-spaced, 1 inch margins, 12-point Times font
- Completed on time

#### **Includes required content:**

- Paper clearly defines the issue
- Paper clearly explains how or why it is a women's issue for our campus (e.g. Is this only a women's issue at the Stockton campus? Is it also a state, national, or global issue? Does it affect the Stockton campus differently than other geographic areas? Are there any resources on campus or in the local community that could address this issue, but currently do not? What are they? Why don't they currently address this issue?)
- Paper clearly outlines the current campus and/or local resources directed to this issue (e.g. What are they? How do they address the issue? Are they effective? Why or why not? If no campus or other local resources exist, why do you think that is? What would need to exist to address this issue?)
- Paper clearly explains why you think our class should address this issue in our class activism project and/or how this issue would benefit from feminist activism
- Paper includes a brief proposal that describes what kind of activism project the class could conduct that addresses this issue (The class activism project could involve a class performance or panel presentation, petition drive, the creation of pamphlets, posters, videos, handouts, surveys, and/or volunteer activities.)
- Valid reasoning demonstrates good judgment and an awareness of the topic's complexities

#### **Includes appropriate evidence (research) and citation:**

- Paper includes concrete, specific, and appropriate evidence to support all claims
- Paper incorporates researched evidence (e.g. interviews, web research, journal articles, newspaper articles, etc.)
- Any outside sources are used carefully and cited appropriately in MLA format (preferred)

#### **Employs clear organization strategies/methods:**

- Paper has a clear organizational format emphasized with the use of headings, subheadings, and/or transitions
- Each paragraph has a clear topic sentence

#### **Demonstrates careful attention to writing/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)