

**PERIOD PAPER RUBRIC**

**Evaluation:** \_\_\_\_\_

Criterion	Superior	Good	Average	Poor	Unacceptable
<b>Assignment Guidelines Followed</b>					
Fits paper length guidelines: 2 pages, typed, 1 inch margins and 10-12 point font					
Contains a thesis statement that succinctly, accurately, and clearly characterizes how the reading defines the contemporary period.					
Clearly attributes primary and/or secondary source material.					
Provides appropriate evidence to support claims.					
<b>Organization</b>					
The organization is appropriate for the purpose and subject of the essay.					
The introduction establishes a context and purpose for writing and contains a focused thesis statement.					
The paragraphs are well developed and controlled by explicit topic sentences and smooth transitions.					
The conclusion moves beyond a mere restatement of the introduction and underscores the topic's significance.					
<b>Style (Expressiveness)</b>					
Perfect citation format (MLA preferred) followed.					
The prose is clear and readable: the paper contains few surface errors, none of which seriously undermines the overall effectiveness of the paper for educated readers.					
The prose is memorable: the writing demonstrates fluency in stylistic flourishes (subordination, variation of sentence and paragraph lengths, interesting vocabulary).					