

Criteria Sheet Samples

Midterm Evaluations

Student Name

Class participation: Your remarks in class always advance the conversation, but I encourage you to contribute more.

Paper one:

Your paper makes a number of insightful observations about the work—your instincts about visual material are excellent. In general your writing is very clear and has a great deal of promise. You have some grammatical issues (particularly with subject-verb agreement) that need work. You also want to be attentive to organization. Although each paragraph is generally about one idea, the arguments in some of the paragraphs could be stronger. Additionally, you need to focus on connecting paragraphs together into a cohesive argument.

Grade: B+

Recommendations for improvement:

Rewrite the first paper; be attentive to subject-verb agreement issues and organization (as we discussed in class).

Grade:

Student Name

Nice job thus far in the course! Your current grade in the class is an A-/92. This grade is calculated from your first exam, earning a 84, just around the class average, your first lab write up, earning a 96, which you did an excellent job, the first moderation style primary literature paper, earning an 88, and various problem sets and assignments for which you've earned full credit. There are still a number of writing assignments, results and discussion sections, and two exams that will be critical in deciding your final grade. You've clearly made terrific use of the writing tutors, having already attended 3 meetings! It shows, especially in your lab grade. Your primary literature analysis will get easier the more papers you practice and read. You can use the writing text, specifically Chapters 3 and 4 entitled "The Fundamentals of Writing Style (3) and Composition (4)" which should prove a great starting point and place for advice when editing. Keep up the good work!

Grade:

Final Criteria Sheets

Student Name

You were a wonderful addition to the class this semester. You were at all classes, willing to ask and answer questions, engaged in the assignments, and were never

hesitant to meet with me to go over material that was not clear. Your writing showed clear improvement through meetings with the writing tutors, and I was so pleased to see you make the most of all of your resources. Your final exam earned a 75, and you had a solid 92% average in your lab results and discussion write ups, as well as a 90 on your second moderation style paper. Your consistent effort was very appreciated. I hope to have to in more courses in biology in coming semesters! Hope you have a terrific summer.

Grade:

Student Name

Your work in this class is in the B to A range. As we discussed at your midway, you have a great deal of promise. I saw some of this promise emerge in the short written assignments, some of which are very strong, as well as in your in-class comments, which were always insightful and compelling, and sometimes brilliant. The final paper has stretches of strong writing and flashes of rigorous analysis. In the end, however, it feels like a polished draft. Overall, there is a lack of clarity about the argument—although you state your thesis clearly at the outset, I had trouble following it through the paper. You bring in compelling ideas, but they don't feel ordered into a logical sequence. I would like to go over the paper when you return in the spring to see if we can get it into better shape. Final paper grade: B+
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