

Suggested Reaction Paper Rubric

Trait	Exceeds	Meets	Below
Introduction	Introduces theme of paper, and articles using rich and descriptive language.	Introduces theme of paper and articles effectively	Fails to present the theme, or fails to provide introduction to articles
Information summary	Provides accurate and descriptive, concise summary of article information, effectively summarizing main points of articles.	Summarizes main points of the articles competently and accurately.	Fails to summarize articles effectively due to omission of key points or inaccurate characterization of information.
Critique	Thoughtfully critiques author(s)' main points, using evidence to back up arguments. Critique is insightful and thorough.	Critiques author(s)' main points, using evidence to back up arguments.	Fails to effectively present critique; and/or fails to use evidence to back up arguments; and/or uses flawed logic to support statements.
Conclusion	Conclusion presents particularly strong or compelling closing statement that ties closely to introduction.	Effective conclusion is presented that corresponds with introduction.	Missing or inconsistent conclusion.
Organization	Information is organized in a fully effective manner; presents strong introduction, expressive body, and purposeful conclusion	Information is organized competently, with thesis, supporting information and conclusion.	Missing or ineffective elements.
Sentence Structure	Sentences effectively constructed with no grammatical errors	Sentences effectively constructed with 1-2 minor grammatical errors	Repeated errors in sentence structure or grammar
Mechanics	Spelling, capitalization and punctuation error-free	1-2 minor errors in spelling, punctuation or capitalization	More than 2 errors

Instructor may choose to add additional elements to the rubric to address specific content requirements.