

# Blog Post Grading Rubric

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Critical response blogs account for 30% of your final grade in the course. You will have 10 critical response blogs this semester and each will be graded on a 30-point scale.

## Outstanding (29/30)

Completes all of the tasks required (on time) and shows a full understanding of the assignment and its function in relation to the course as a whole. Provides a complex, thoughtful, and original response to the discussion question and includes well-developed analysis with specific textual evidence. Shows excellent control of language and properly cites all texts and ideas referenced. Comments on other posts are thoughtful and effectively encourage the extension and development of the critical conversation. Satisfies minimum word count requirement.

## Satisfactory (26/30)

Completes all of the tasks required (on time) and does a satisfactory job of responding to the assignment. Thinking could use further development, however. Points made are mostly logical and clear but could use more elaboration or explanation. There is some analysis and textual evidence provided, but this could be developed and extended. Shows good control of language and gives credit to sources (even if citation practices may need more attention). Comments on other posts are thoughtful but may not encourage a more extensive critical conversation. Meets minimum word count requirement.

## Needs Improvement (23/30)

Completes all of the tasks required (on time), but the response may be too general or vague. Ideas could use significant development and added complexity. Relies mostly on brief assertions or personal opinions rather than textual analysis and connections to course materials. There may not be any specific textual evidence provided to support claims, and if evidence is provided it may lack appropriate citation practices. There is evidence of a lack of sentence-level control. Comments on other posts are brief and underdeveloped. May be shy of the minimum word count requirement.

## Partially Complete (15/30)

One or more of the following is true: Some but not all of the required tasks were completed; blog post is significantly shorter than the minimum word count requirement; blog post was submitted on time but no comments on classmates' posts were made; comments on classmates' posts were made but no blog post was submitted on time.

## Late/Missing/Plagiarized (0/30)

No blog post **and** no comments were completed, these tasks were submitted past the assignment deadline, and/or there is evidence of plagiarism (Note: If I believe you have submitted a post that is partially or wholly plagiarized, I will contact you immediately for a face-to-face meeting)