

HONORS COLLEGE: RUBRIC for the WRITTEN THESIS (HONORS 450)

STUDENT: _____ EVALUATOR NAME: _____

For each criterion below, please circle key phrases that best describe the work. Use a *whole number or increments of 0.5* (Note: 3.0 = satisfactory)

1. Précis

Needs improvement 1	Developing 2	Satisfactory 3	Outstanding 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of project incomplete Link to larger context is missing/unclear 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Descriptions of project comprehensive and clear Link to larger context established 	

2. Research question/project identified within academic framework

Needs improvement 1	Developing 2	Satisfactory 3	Outstanding 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research question/project inadequately represented Goals/objectives/hypothesis vague or incomplete Contexts lacking or underdeveloped 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research question/project clearly identified Goals/objectives/hypothesis clear and effective Contexts identified and developed 	

3. Methodology/approach appropriate for topic and discipline

Needs improvement 1	Developing 2	Satisfactory 3	Outstanding 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methodology missing, or insufficiently developed Topic minimally situated among sources and materials cited 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methodology comprehensive and well-developed Topic clearly contextualized among sources and materials cited 	

4. Supporting evidence and body of knowledge

Needs improvement 1	Developing 2	Satisfactory 3	Outstanding 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence/body of knowledge inadequately discussed Evidential support for argument selective or inadequate Discussion of contrasting perspectives limited Evaluation, analysis, synthesis are limited 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Body of knowledge thoroughly discussed Evidence sufficient and well utilized Contrasting perspectives discussed Evaluates, analyzes, and synthesizes information 	

5. Conclusions and implications

Needs improvement 1	Developing 2	Satisfactory 3	Outstanding 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conclusions, implications lacking Assertions vague or unqualified Significance of project unclear 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conclusions, implications presented and well developed Assertions qualified and well supported Significance of project concisely stated 	

6. Writing

Needs improvement 1	Developing 2	Satisfactory 3	Outstanding 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language obscure, meaning unclear in places Grammar, spelling, or punctuation errors Organization accidental or mechanical Sources not cited or not used correctly 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language clearly and effectively communicates ideas Language is appropriately nuanced and eloquent Organization clear and effective Sources and citations used correctly 	

Comments:

# Criterion	Score	# Criterion	Score
1. Précis		4. Evidence/findings	
2. Question/issue/creative challenge		5. Conclusions, implications, consequences	
3. Methodology/approach		6. Writing	
TOTAL SCORE (for 6 criteria) =			

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