

What I'm Looking For

(Short Presentation, Explanation, and Evaluation Writing Assignment)

- _____ Paper is on time
- _____ Clear Introduction; stated clearly what is to be accomplished. (e.g., "In this paper, I will argue that [insert thesis here]")
- _____ The paper **presents** an argument.
 - in numbered premise-conclusion form
 - argument is valid
 - argument is for correct conclusion
- _____ The paper **explains** the argument and premises adequately.
 - Define Technical Terms
 - Motivate each premise, clearly identifying for each premise why someone might think it's true.
- _____ The paper **evaluates** the argument.
 - clear position about soundness
 - if **sound**, did you
 - (i) defend weakest premise from possible objection,
 - (ii) explain how the objection works, and identify which premise is being challenged.
 - if **unsound**,
 - (i) did you present your objection
 - (ii) clearly explain how the objection works, and identify which premise is being rejected.
- _____ Paper considers what someone might say in response to your reasoning.
- _____ Paper gives cogent reasons for its position on the argument
- _____ Paper is well-written, with proper spelling, punctuation, organization etc.
- _____ Appropriate citations are included (if necessary)
- _____ Appropriate conclusion (the style depends on length of paper)
- _____ Lacks other defects