

Scholars' Day Abstract Rubric – Critical Analysis

	4	3	2	1	Value Selected
Focus	Purpose and argument/opinion are explicitly described—no clarifying questions needed.	Purpose and argument/opinion are stated. Some clarifying questions may be needed to fully understand project.	Purpose and argument can be inferred but are not clearly stated.	Purpose and argument of project cannot be determined.	
Organization	Organization of abstract is very clear; does not require restructuring	Organization of abstract is somewhat clear; does not require restructuring	Organization of abstract could be improved; does not require restructuring	Organization lacks clarity; requires restructuring	
Description	Abstract includes details related to the book, essay, or movie analyzed; includes a strong theoretical frame or rationale to support the need for an analysis.	Abstract includes details related to the material analyzed; theoretical frame or rationale included	Abstract includes hints at the materials analyzed; weak theoretical frame or project rationale.	Abstract provides virtually no description of the materials and/or no frame/rationale for the project.	
Clarity of Writing	Abstract is written almost perfectly. No errors (or very limited errors) present, writing is exceptionally clear.	Writing is clear and does not interfere with comprehension. Some errors and typos may be present.	Writing needs considerable improvement. Grammatical errors and word choice make comprehension difficult.	Poor writing present throughout. Incomplete sentences, grammar errors and poor word choice make the abstract unreadable.	
Conclusions	Abstract provides conclusions and evidence to support critical analysis. a clear statement of findings gleaned from the review of literature.	Abstract provides conclusions and some supporting evidence.	Abstract provides incomplete or unclear conclusion with little/no evidence.	Abstract provides no conclusions or evidence.	
TOTAL					

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