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The paper will be graded according to the following categories:

___ Overall Content (25%)

Did your paper have an in-depth examination of the chosen topic or was it just a cursory look at the area? Is it of sufficient length (8-12 pages, including title page and references)? Is it sufficiently technical? Are examples and/or diagrams used to clarify important pieces of information?

___ References (10%)

Do you have a substantial number (at least 10) of sources for the topic chosen? Have you consulted all of the available and obvious materials, including those in our library? Are the sources authoritative (you may not cite Wikipedia as an authoritative source)? Did you properly cite all relevant statements, figures, tables, and graphs you obtained from other sources?

___ Conformance to Format Specification (10%)

Does the paper conform to the given Word template? Are the references formatted correctly and alphabetized? Are the figures and tables formatted correctly? Are all tables and figures referenced from the text of the paper?

___ Organization and Structure (15%)

Is it obvious that you were following an outline? Does your paper "ramble" or do the points fit together and follow well from what proceeds? Is there an appropriate introduction and conclusion?

___ Grammar and Spelling (20%)

Are all of the sentences well formed? Are there sentence fragments? Do subjects and verbs agree? Are verb tenses consistent? Are the standard rules of English grammar used? Did you write in third person, avoiding the words "I", "we", and "you"? Are words spelled correctly?

___ Cohesion (10%)

Does all of the material given "belong" here? Have you simply listed isolated pieces of information from various sources or have you summarized, blended, and found the common themes from these sources and brought them together into a result that is more than just the sum of its parts?

___ Writing Style (10%)

Is the paper easy to read? Is it interesting? Do you exhibit some originality and creativity? Does it flow? Does it pull the reader in and keep their interest until the end?

___ Total Score (total of above categories)

___ Late Penalty (minus 10% per day)

___ Final Score