| Criteria            | Poor  | Great   |
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| Style (10%)         | <ul> <li>Inconsistent presentation</li> <li>Deviates considerably from the format instructions</li> <li>Exceeds/does not meet length requirement</li> <li>Citations are not formatted to any particular style</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Consistent presentation</li> <li>Follows format<br/>instructions perfectly</li> <li>Adheres strictly to the<br/>length requirement</li> <li>Correct use of CJPS<br/>style</li> </ul>   |
| Writing (30%)       | <ul> <li>Paper is hard to read</li> <li>Number of grammatical errors</li> <li>Consistent issues with paragraph structure</li> <li>Awkward transitions between ideas</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Paper is very well written</li> <li>Very small number of minor grammatical errors</li> <li>Each sentence clearly conveys an idea</li> <li>Logical organization</li> </ul>  |
| Understanding (30%) | <ul> <li>Paper reflects some understanding of the topic it is addressing</li> <li>Key terms are imprecisely defined</li> <li>No use of evidence/arguments from the sources provided</li> <li>Some awareness that there may be more than one side of the debate</li> </ul>     | <ul> <li>Paper reflects a clear understanding of the topic it is addressing</li> <li>Clear definitions of key terms and their significance</li> <li>Precise outline of the implications of arguments and/or evidence from the sources provided</li> <li>Clear awareness of the different sides of the debate</li> </ul> |
| Analysis (30%)      | <ul> <li>Vague thesis/core idea</li> <li>Little logical connections between one component and the next</li> <li>The conclusion may restate the main point, but provides no information about how the various parts of the paper fit together to support the thesis</li> </ul> | - Thesis is outlined clearly in the introduction along with a roadmap for how that point is to be proven/made in the remainder of the paper - Logical and organized analysis  |