# Grading Guidelines

| Grade | Reasoning |
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| A | Excellent Paper<br>Top 10%<br>Critical use of primary sources<br>Critical use of secondary sources<br>Thesis proven in a scholarly manner<br>Logical argumentation<br>correct citation<br>correct grammar |
| B | Good Paper<br>Use of primary sources<br>Use of secondary sources<br>Thesis proven<br>Logical argumentation<br>correct citation<br>correct grammar |
| C | Satisfactory Paper<br>Lack of primary source material<br>Lack of secondary sources<br>Thesis unclear<br>Lack argumentation<br>Too heavy reliance on a secondary source<br>incorrect citation<br>incorrect grammar |
| D | Problematic/Poor Paper<br>Lack of primary source material<br>Lack of secondary sources<br>Thesis unclear<br>Lack argumentation<br>Too heavy reliance on a secondary source<br>incorrect citation<br>incorrect grammar<br>severe writing problems |

Late papers and presentations will be lowered by one whole letter grade, (i.e., from A to B, B to C, C to D, D to F).