

ANT2301: Human Sexuality and Culture (Fall 2009)
Reaction Paper Grading Scale and Rubric for Point Deductions

Content (50%)

- Does the paper have a central idea that can be expressed in one or two simple sentences?
- Did the writer adequately summarize and discuss the assigned reading?
- Did the writer contribute his or her own thoughts and arguments to the paper?
- Does the writer attempt to incorporate an anthropological (cross-cultural or evolutionary) perspective?

Organization (20%)

- Does the paper have an introduction that gives the reader a sense of the paper's focus?
- Does the paper have a conclusion that summarizes the argument or offers some final perspective on the topic?
- Is the paper ordered in a way that is logical, clear, and easy to follow?
- Does each paragraph have a central idea?
- Does the paper flow, with clear and logical transitions between paragraphs?
- Are sources, if any, clearly defined and is information from those sources well integrated into the flow of the paper?

Grammar and style (20%)

- Are there grammatical or spelling problems?
- Is the writing style clear? Is word choice simple and straightforward? Were sentences cohesive?

Required formatting (10%)

- Did the paper use proper formatting, as specified ?

Content	50 pts	_____
(Central idea, summarize reading, writer's own thoughts/arguments, anthropological examples)		
Organization	20 pts	_____
(Intro with focus, concl, logical order/easy to follow, each para. central idea, paper flow with transitions, sources clearly defined and integrated into paper)		
Grammar & Style	20 pts	_____
(Grammar and spelling, clear writing style, simple word choice, cohesive sentences)		
Required Formatting	10 pts	_____
Total _____ x 0.15 =	Total _____/15 points	

Content (50 points)

- No central idea -15
- Summarize reading rather than analyze -15
- Too many personal thoughts and opinions -15
- No anthropological perspective -5

Organization (20 points)

- Intro poorly constructed -3
- Thesis statement missing -3
- No logical flow -3
- No main theme per paragraph -3
- Transitions missing or clumsy -3
- Sources/Article undefined -2
- Conclusion poor -3

Grammar and Style (20 points)

- Each mistake -1, up to 10
- Unclear writing style -5
- Simple word choices and repetition -5

Formatting (10 points)

- Page length not met -5
- Margins and/or font size and type incorrect -3
- Missing Heading Information -2