Grading Criteria

Your papers will be graded on the following criteria: Introduction and Conclusion, Spelling and Grammar, Organization, Understanding, and Argument. Each section will be evaluated on a scale of 0 to 5. Each of these criteria are described in detail below.

Introduction and Conclusion:
1. Identification of Problem
2. Clear statement of thesis/stand that will be defended
3. Reminder to reader of the reasons that justify the thesis

Spelling and Grammar
1. Spelling
2. Sentence Structure (no fragments, confusing sentences, run on sentences, or awkward phrasing)
3. Word choice
4. Paraphrases and quotations appropriately cited
5. Bibliography (if your bibliography is non-existent, or if you do not have complete information, or it does not cite individually each item mentioned in the paper, you lose 1/5 of your spelling and grammar points!!!)

Organization
1. Understandable flow throughout paper
2. Clear topic sentence for paragraphs
3. Understandable flow within a paragraph
4. Good transitions between paragraphs
5. Staying on topic/covering topic in appropriate detail

Understanding
1. Factually Correct
2. Acceptable interpretations of readings
3. Express meaning of materials in own words
4. Demonstrate knowledge of connections between readings and ideas
5. Demonstrate relevance of readings and ideas to thesis

Argument
1. Explicitly state conclusions
2. Explicitly states premises/reasons
3. Explicitly states inferences
4. Demonstrates connection between individual arguments
5. Demonstrates relevance o argument to thesis