

GRADING RUBRIC for REFLECTION PAPER

CRITERIA	FAILS TO MEET EXPECTATIONS	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	MEETS EXPECTATIONS	EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS	YOUR SCORE
	0	5	8	10	
ORGANIZATION					
<i>Clearly organized introduction, body, conclusion</i>	Fails to meet this criteria by obvious disregard for the expectations stated in the criteria; Disorganized and the reader can not follow the paper at any length	Disorganized, leaves reader wondering what is being said; abrupt ending	Paper has intro, body, and conclusion but may take a re-reading to understand	Easy to read, topic introduced, organization clearly evident with proper introduction, body, conclusion	
<i>Does this paper address the prompt or the topic?</i>	The topic of the paper is not addressed at all; Fails to stick to the topic therefore fails to meet this criteria	Student does not clearly identify his/her reflections about the topic; may veer from topic	The entire paper's content relates to the prompt or topic; the student explains his/her reflections about the topic but may take a re-reading to understand	The student's reflection about the topic is explained in clear language; immediately interesting and supported with detail	
<i>Paragraph Organization and Writing Style: Ideas are clearly connected and make sense</i>	Fails to meet this criteria by obvious disregard for the expectations stated in the criteria	Paragraphs are disorganized; ideas are included which do not relate to the main idea; ideas are not connected and have little or no supporting details; one sentence paragraphs	Each paragraph has a central idea that is supported with details; ideas are connected and important points make sense	Each paragraph has a central idea; ideas are connected and paragraphs are developed with details; paper is easy to read and "flows" naturally in an organized pattern	
<i>Does this paper show evidence of deep thought about the topic?</i>	Fails to meet this criteria by obvious disregard for the expectations stated in the criteria	Paper is shallow and does not present detailed evaluation of reflection about the topic; little use of nursing literature to support thought	The paper shows that the student has thought about the topic although the written presentation may appear weak or lack clarity; use of nursing literature to support thought	Paper provides evidence (through the use of description, details, and use of nursing literature) that the student has examined his/her own belief systems and related this to their current views about the topic; use of nursing literature to support thought	

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GRAMMAR					
<i>Basic writing expectations: mechanics, spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors</i>	More than 8 grammatical , punctuation, or BWE errors	4-7 grammatical , punctuation , or BWE errors	Between 1-4 grammatical, punctuation, or BWE errors, but they are minor and do not detract from the paper	No errors whatsoever!	
<i>Use of transitions to connect sentences and ideas</i>	Fails to meet this criteria by obvious disregard for the expectations stated in the criteria	Choppy; sentences do not connect or transition well; ideas do not connect	Paper expresses the ideas of the author; sentences relate to one another; may take a re-reading to understand	Paper is easy to read and makes sense the first time it is read. It is interesting and well written; sentences connect and flow.	
<i>Correct choice of verb tenses, words, avoidance of wordy phrases, correct use of pronouns</i>	Fails to meet this criteria by obvious disregard for the expectations stated in the criteria	Improper use of language or slang; wrong word choice; appears “padded”	Occasional wrong word choice; somewhat wordy but not enough to detract from the summary; May occasionally use the wrong tense.	No wrong word choice or slang; uses correct verb tense and pronouns. Well written and use of words convey meaning	
FORMATTING					
<i>Follows APA professional writing style of using 12 point Times New Roman font, 1inch margins all around, correct APA headings</i>	Fails to meet this criteria by obvious disregard for the expectations stated in the criteria; 3 or more errors	Meets this criteria with 2 errors	Meets this criteria with 1 error	Exceeds this by completely meeting all of these requirements with NO exception!	
<i>Correct format of title page including running head, page numbers, correct page justification</i>	Fails to meet this criteria by obvious disregard for the expectations stated in the criteria; 3 or more errors	Meets this criteria with 2 errors	Meets this criteria with 1 error	Perfect title page, running head, page numbers, and page justification!	
<i>Correct use of citations within paper according to APA; Correct APA reference page</i>	Fails to meet this criteria by obvious disregard for the expectations stated in the criteria; 3 or more errors	Meets this criteria with 2 errors	Meets this criteria with 1 error	Perfect use of citations within paper per APA format; Correct reference page!	