

Grading Rubric

Directions: Fill out the requested information in this first section and then sign the rubric. Staple it to the top of your extra credit paper before submitting it.

PART I

Your name: _____ **Class Section:** 006 010

Title of Paper: _____

General statement regarding plagiarism: I understand that plagiarism is not accepted in this course, as is discussed in the syllabus. By signing below and submitting this essay for grading, I attest that all work presented is my own. I have cited all sources used and given credit to other individuals/organizations where due. I understand that if it is determined my paper is plagiarized or otherwise demonstrates academic dishonesty:

- I will receive a score of zero (0) on the essay.
- My actions will be reported to Student Judicial Services
- Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against me pursuant to Texas Tech University policy. Information on this policy and academic dishonesty can be found at:

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/studentjudicialprograms/academicinteg.php>

I confirm that I have read and understood the **General statement regarding plagiarism**. YOUR ESSAY WILL NOT BE GRADED UNLESS YOU SIGN BELOW.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PART II

The following is a general outline of point distribution for the essay. Be sure to read and sign the next page!

Criteria		Score received/total possible
Neatness of submission (no wrinkles, etc)		_____ / 2
Proofreading (Spelling, sentence structure, etc)		_____ / 2
Grammar		_____ / 3
Formatting		_____ / 3
How you present your topic		_____ / 10
		Total received: _____ / 20

WARNING: You must follow the guidelines specified on the "Bonus Project" sheet. Download it from: <http://netra.math.ttu.edu/rca/CurrentTeaching/homework.html>

Grader comments:

How you present your topic: I will consider what you write and grade according to how well you present your chosen topic. This includes, but is in no way limited to:

- **Your use of TRUSTWORTHY sources.**
- **Clarity of presentation** – your paper has a clear objective and is structured so that objective is forwarded appropriately
- **How well you stay on topic** – Don't ramble, repeat the same things over and over again, etc.
- **If you make any claims, you must support them.**
- **If you are writing a persuasive paper, you must provide a rebuttal.** Anticipate some arguments your critics might have and make an effort to address a few of those arguments in a professional and direct way.
- **How well your examples support your paper's goal**

THE FOLLOWING WILL RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE SCORE OF ZERO ON THE ESSAY:

- Failure to sign and submit a copy of BOTH PAGES of this rubric STAPLED to your paper.
- Failure to submit your paper by the deadline: **April 8th, 2009.**
- Engaging in anything that would qualify as academic dishonesty
- Not submitting the essay IN HARD COPY. (In other words, no email submissions!)
- Not using a word processor or typewriter to write your paper. (No handwritten submissions!)
- Failure to meet the 600 minimum to 700 maximum word limits. Although I will not count how many words you use, I can tell if you are "close" to the specified range.
- Submitting a paper that does not relate to the subject of mathematics as stated in the "Bonus Project" sheet.

By signing below, I attest that I have read the rubric and understand the directions given in PART II. YOUR ESSAY WILL NOT BE GRADED UNLESS YOU SIGN BELOW.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____