

Term Paper Essay Assignment Rubric
Due by Saturday May 12th at 11:59pm via Turnitin (20% of final grade)

Sociology 3480: Term Paper Rubric

Sources: In addition to your text and/or readings, provide at least 5 outside sources. At least one outside source must be a peer reviewed/academic journal article. Wikipedia, personal blogs, and/or .org's will not be accepted as valid sources.

Note: Electronic copy must be uploaded to Turnitin link to check for citation accuracy

Study – Gather data online (no less than 5 articles). Characterize the social issue you chose for yourself and show how it fits what is given and said about that topic in news/media. How is this different than what we have been reading in our text? Cite comparisons.

Consider the social topic you chose relative to course material and **answer the following questions in essay format to summarize your findings.**

In general, you should address the following questions in your essay:

What is your social topic?

What are some of the specific areas discussed in your social topic?

What are the different perspectives/opposing viewpoints?

How do most people get their information on your given social topic?

How is it different than you imagined, than what you read about?

What past research has been done on your topic?

Which solutions have worked, what haven't? (investigate: **read articles and refer to your text**)

What new or unresolved issues/concerns have developed?

What did you learn by doing this paper?

(Again, use these questions to guide the general direction of your essay. Do not answer these questions individually).