

## Grading Rubric, Paper 1 - RQAB MMW 122, Winter 2017

In order to do well on this assignment, you must submit your 4- to 5-page Research Question and Annotated Bibliography, Sources, and this Rubric, and accomplish the following:

1. Identify an appropriate topic for MMW 122 (contemporary global issue) as explained in the prompt
2. State the precise, Level-3 Research Question that the paper will answer
3. Write an annotated bibliography entry for each of the 6 sources that:
  - a. Contain an overview of each author and source
  - b. an overview of the sources' main arguments on your topic and how these represent a position/side
  - c. a discussion of how the author's arguments could be used to formulate an answer to your research question
4. Overall, your RQAB should
  - a. Demonstrate **familiarity** with at least 6 scholarly sources
  - b. Demonstrate **important positions/sides** to the problem/issue
  - c. Demonstrate **how useful** each source is addressing the problem/issue or answering the question
5. Provide in-text and citations in MLA format if needed
6. Submit photocopies/printouts of all cited sources, correctly highlighted and labeled
7. Provide a Works Cited page in MLA format
8. Use clear, grammatically correct, stylistically effective expository prose. See green highlighting for errors.

**A-/A:** Meets all of the above criteria at an exceptionally high level, exceeding expectations, in most, if not all instances

**B/B+:** Meets most of the above criteria at a high level, with only minor exceptions

**C+/B-:** Meets most of the above criteria at a high level, with some more serious issues that interfere with full realization of goals

**C-/C:** Minimally meets the above criteria, and for the most part succeeds at an acceptable level, but assignment is difficult to follow or not compelling because of issues with one or more criteria. Includes fewer than 6 scholarly sources (grade can be no better than C).

**D:** Meets some criteria; often unclear or undeveloped; errors significantly impair the assignment.

**F:** Meets few of the above criteria, paper is significantly too short, topic is not appropriate for the course.