



**PHL 212 Milestone One Guidelines and Rubric**

Select one topic for your final project from within the textbook and write a one-page paper (in APA format) on your topic that includes background information. Upon review, the instructor will decide whether this topic is approved.

**Guidelines for Submission:** Milestone One must be two to three paragraphs in length with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and discipline-appropriate citations.

**Instructor Feedback:** This activity uses an integrated rubric in Blackboard. Students can view instructor feedback in the Grade Center. For more information, review [these instructions](#).

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
<b>Topic Declaration</b>	Meets "Proficient" criteria and incorporates significant history offering insight and development into the topic chosen	Identifies topic and provides brief background information	Identifies topic, with minimal information related to its background	Does not identify a topic or is missing background information	30
<b>Rationale and Reasoning</b>	Meets "Proficient" criteria and incorporates a well-reasoned rationale for topic selection	Rationale and reason for topic selection are clearly stated	Rationale and reason for topic selection are not clearly stated	Rationale and reason for topic selection are not stated	30
<b>Description of Issue</b>	Meets "Proficient" criteria and incorporates a significant summary offering insight into the issues of the selected topic	Summary describes issues related to the selected topic with insight	Summary describing the issues related to the selected topic provides minimal information and is not clearly stated	Summary describing issues related to the selected topic is missing	30
<b>Articulation of Response</b>	Submission is free of errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization and is presented in a professional and easy-to-read format	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that prevent understanding of ideas	10
<b>Earned Total</b>					<b>100%</b>