

Grading Rubric for Econ 113 (Spring 2013) Term Paper

Aspect / Task	Score	Comments from GSI
Identify appropriate contemporary issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • select published article on contemporary issue • provide complete overview of selected article • clearly state author's assumptions & argument 	8 6 4 2 0	
Select relevant historical episode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • select historical episode • episode must be relevant to contemporary issue • use episode that will demonstrate Econ 113 knowledge 	8 6 4 2 0	
Describe historical episode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • start with assigned readings for source material • locate 1-3 published academic articles on the episode • clearly & accurately describe historical episode 	10 8 6 4 2 0	
Critically analyze historical episode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clearly identify similarities & differences between historical (past) episode & contemporary issue (present) • explain how past episode <i>does</i> provide insight into present • explain how past episode <i>does not</i> provide insight into present • discuss what evidence (past or present) is needed to more confidently determine applicability of past episode to present 	20 16 12 8 4 0	
Write and edit paper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear argument from beginning to end • spelling and grammar correct • sentences well constructed, paragraphs have points • paper is 4-6 pages (1,000 - 1,500 words) long • paper has an introduction and a conclusion 	10 8 6 4 2 0	
Cite sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide credit in footnotes for quotes & ideas • properly cite sources in bibliography • NOTE: Plagiarism results in a 0 on entire paper 	4 2 0	
Total # of points (60 points possible)		
General comments from GSI:		