

Grading Rubric for Econ 113 Term Paper (100 points possible)

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 	10 8 6 3 0	
Identify historical episode for historical analogy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • select historical episode • episode is reasonably relevant to contemporary issue • episode was covered in Econ 113 (or approval granted pre-March 20) 	10 8 6 3 0	
Discuss and critique research on historical episode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • locate at least 3 published academic articles on the episode • clearly & accurately describe historical episode • summarize arguments in published articles on historical episode • identify and discuss key assumptions in published research • discuss extent to which conclusions rest on key assumptions • where appropriate, suggest alternative assumption(s) author(s) should consider 	35 30 25 20 15 10 0	
Is historical episode a relevant historical analogy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construct clear argument: is this a good historical analogy? • identify assumptions in analysis or aspects of historical episode that determine relevance of episode as an historical analogy • discuss what evidence (past or present) is needed to more confidently determine relevance as historical analogy 	25 20 15 10 5 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 2,000 - 2,500 words long • paper has an introduction and a conclusion 	10 8 6 3 0	
Cite sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide credit in footnotes for quotes & ideas • properly cite sources in bibliography • sources in bibliography alphabetized by author(s) last name NOTE: Plagiarism results in an F in the course	10 7 4 0	
Total # of points (100 points possible)		
General comments from GSI:		