

Weekly Blog Posts Grading Rubric

Student Name: _____

PSCI 3064: *Environmental Political Theory* ▪ Summer 2014

<i>Specific Requirements</i>	<i>Omitted</i>	<i>Needs Work</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>% of Total Earned</i>
<p>Descriptive and unique title (10%): your title should capture the main idea of your argument—it should clarify your unique contribution to the class discussion.</p> <p><i>E.g.</i>, if arguing against using economic principles to solve environmental problems: “Market-based principles are inadequate to the task.”</p> <p>Or, <i>e.g.</i>, if arguing that international climate change legislation can be achieved: “Climate change reform depends on the commitment of the world’s biggest polluters.”</p>				
<p>Argument (30%): you must construct a convincing argument in support of your position—what is the substance of your claim; why is your perspective on the issue the correct one?</p>				
<p>Evidence (30%): while you are encouraged to draw on assigned course readings to justify your argument, you must also cite at least two reputable external sources—news articles, academic journal articles, etcetera, which were <u>not</u> assigned to read for class.</p> <p>Your in-text citations must include the (1) author’s last name, (2) date of publication, and (3) specific page numbers you draw a quote or paraphrase from.</p> <p><i>E.g.</i>, (Brown 2013, 22-3) or (Murphy and Sullivan 2011, 36).</p>				
<p>Counterargument (15%): you must discuss <i>at least one</i> objection to your thesis—that is, discuss one possible weakness or problem with your thesis; one reason why your argument might be wrong.</p>				
<p>Proper length (10%): responses must be a <i>minimum</i> of 300 words and <i>no more</i> than 500 words.</p> <p>Put the total word count of your response in parentheses at the end of your blog post.</p>				
<p>Works Cited (5%): at the <u>end</u> of your response, you must include the full citations of your external sources (MLA, APA, or Chicago style)—these do <u>not</u> count toward the required word limit.</p> <p><i>E.g.</i>, Kunzig, Robert. 2011. “Population 7 Billion: Can the Planet Take the Strain?” <i>National Geographic</i>. January.</p>				
<p>Comments:</p>				