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Synthesis Paper Advisor/Mentor Grading Checklist

Before submitting your final paper, ask each of the following questions. If you and your mentor/advisor agree that the answer to every question is "yes," then the mentor/advisor should sign this form and you (the student) should attach it to the paper before turning it in.

Does writing this paper contribute to/relate to the success of your larger project?

Does this paper demonstrate that you have increased your knowledge base substantially since the beginning of the year?

Are the sources you consulted current, ample, varied, appropriate to your topic?

Does this paper demonstrate that you have mastered the skills necessary to complete a research paper successfully?

Is the parenthetical documentation where it belongs and in the correct format?

Have you used adequate and accurate documentation? (Give credit for all information and ideas you didn't know when you started researching. Be precise about crediting paraphrased information and punctuate direct quotations correctly.)

Have you integrated a variety of sources into a coherent, understandable, elaborated line of thought? (Keep in mind that a good paper does not involve a series of summaries of undigested sources strung together in a sequence.)

Does the paper have an introduction that establishes what you intend to cover/accomplish in the paper, how many parts the paper will have in what order, and make a claim for the importance of the topic?

Does the paper have a conclusion that makes explicit the reasons why what you've written is important/worth knowing and offer a call to action, a summary of the limitations of current research findings and recommendation for further studies, or a prediction of what the future holds on this topic?

Does the text meet high standards of editing and revision? Is the text free of spelling, punctuation and sentence structure errors?

Is there an obvious logic to the sequence in which you present your ideas/information?

Has your mentor/advisor reviewed your paper with you to determine its accuracy and to comment on its quality?

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