

Rubric for Worldview Paper

In grading your papers, I judge them according to the whether or not and to what extent they satisfy the following criteria:

1. Grammar, Spelling, Organization, Formatting: 1 point

The ideal paper contains no or few grammar and spelling errors. Has a clear and logical organizational plan, wherein the ordering of ideas, sentences, and paragraphs build naturally towards the achievement of its central aims. Uses transitional words/phrases/sentences to show how the various ideas, sentences, and paragraphs relate to the paper's central aims and to each other. Follows the formatting specified in the paper prompt.

2. Intro/Conclusion: 1 point

The ideal paper has an introduction that motivates the project and defines a sharp focus by clearly stating its central aim(s), e.g., a thesis relating to the assigned topic. Has a conclusion that summarizes results clearly, explores implications/limitations of those results, and leaves readers with a sense of the paper's importance.

3. Length requirement: 1 point

The ideal paper meets length requirement and does not exceed the length requirement by more than a page.

4. Worldview Questions: 6 points

The ideal paper answers each bolded worldview question in appropriate detail.

5. Reasons or Evidence for Answers: 4 points

The ideal paper provides detailed reasons or explanations for the student's beliefs (that is, his/her answers to the worldview questions).

6. Overall quality of paper: 2