**Midterm (Part Two): Take Home Essay**

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| A- through A+ | For an A, a paper must have all of the characteristics of a B paper listed below. In addition, it will:   * have an innovative thesis. * have a logically compelling argument. * consider alternative arguments. * show evidence of originality or creativity. * have a clear and error-free prose style. * include particularly strong evidence. |
| B- through B+ | For a B, a paper must have all of the characteristics of a C paper listed below. In addition, it will:   * have a clear thesis statement. * have a logical structure that advances the argument. * include appropriate evidence to support its argument. * be free from digressions and extraneous material. * be mostly free from errors of usage and grammar. * be free from major substantive errors; where a C paper gets some things right, a B paper but gets few things wrong. |
| C- through C+ | For a C, a paper must have all of the characteristics of a D paper listed below. In addition, it will:   * have an identifiable thesis statement. * include evidence to support its argument. * communicate an understanding of some core concepts from the reading. |
| D- through D+ | A D paper will:   * comply with UCSD’s policy on the integrity of scholarship * comply with the instructions for the assignment (e.g. with respect to length, timeliness of submission, and the number and character of sources) |