**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.
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| 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.
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| 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.
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| 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)
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