

Ethics & Medical Research

Position Paper: *Grading Sheet*

Student:

Grade:

Grader:

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Mediocre	Unacceptable
Structure/Organization				
<i>Does the paper follow the "General Technical Requirements for Formatting Papers"?</i>	5	4	2	0
<i>Does it have a proper introduction as specified by the assignment?</i>	3	2	1	0
<i>Does it have a proper conclusion as specified by the assignment?</i>	3	2	1	0
<i>Does its organization and use of language convey the paper's ideas in a clear and transparent way?</i>	10	8	4	0
Content				
<i>Does the paper clearly provide any necessary background information for understanding its argument?</i>	20	16	8	0
<i>Does it clearly present the main thesis or conclusion it intends to defend?</i>	5	4	2	0
<i>Does it clearly present the premises or reasons in support of its main thesis or conclusion?</i>	20	16	8	0
<i>Does it clearly explain why these premises or reasons are plausible, compelling, and difficult to deny?</i>	30	24	12	0
<i>Does it clearly and persuasively explain the inferences used to show how the premises are supposed to entail the main thesis or conclusion?</i>	20	16	8	0
<i>Does it provide examples to help clarify its main points?</i>	10	8	4	0
<i>Does it provide a compelling answer to the assigned topic?</i>	10	8	4	0
<i>Does it remain focused on defending its main thesis or conclusion without being distracted by inessential details?</i>	10	8	4	0
<i>Does it provide a generally compelling and convincing defense of its main thesis or conclusion?</i>	10	8	4	0
<i>Overall, does the paper show adroit skill at presenting and defending its main thesis or conclusion to the reader?</i>	5	4	2	0

General Comments