

Position Paper Rubric

	Major Improvement Necessary (1)	Needs Improvement (2)	Average (3)	Above Average (4)
Background Guides	Shows limited understanding of the task, with vague, unclear references to the documents.	Attempts to address some aspects of the task, making limited use of the documents.	Addresses most aspects of the task or addresses all aspects in a limited way; uses some of the documents.	Thoroughly addresses all aspects of the task by accurately analyzing and interpreting most of the documents.
References	Presents no relevant outside information. Attempts to complete the task, but essay demonstrates a major weakness in organization.	Presents no relevant outside information. Presents few facts, examples and details; simply restates contents of the documents.	Incorporates limited or no relevant outside information. Uses some facts, examples and details, but discussion is more descriptive than analytical.	Incorporates relevant outside information. Includes relevant facts, examples and details, but discussion may be more descriptive than analytical.
Mechanics	Communicates with a lack of control and understanding of the conventions of English grammar and usage. Uses inappropriate and/or incorrect language and sentence structure.	Communicates with partial control and understanding of the conventions of English grammar and usage. Uses familiar language and simple sentence structures.	Writes a satisfactory developed essay, demonstrating a general plan of organization. Restates the theme in the introduction and concludes with a simple restatement of the theme.	Communicates with full control and understanding of the conventions of English grammar and usage. Experiments with sophisticated language and varied sentence structures.
Purpose	Limited awareness of audience and purpose.	Attempts to establish and maintain purpose and communicate with the audience.	Focuses on a purpose, evidence of voice and suitable tone.	Establishes and maintains clear focus: evidence of distinctive voice and appropriate tone.
Policy Development	Minimal policy development, limited or unrelated details, no evidence of successful negotiation.	Lack of elaborated policy development, unelaborated or repetitious details, little evidence of successful negotiation.	Depth of policy development and success of negotiation supported by elaborated, relevant details.	Depth and complexity of policies supported by rich, engaging and pertinent details; evidence of analysis, negotiation, reflection and insight.
Reference to the Real World	Few references to international treaties, international organizations and real-world stakeholders.	Some references to international treaties, international organizations, and real-world stakeholders.	Numerous references to international treaties, international organizations, and real-world stakeholders.	Frequent reference to international treaties, international organizations and real-world stakeholders.

