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|  | **4: Exemplary** | **3: Accomplished** | **2: Competent** | **1: Beginning** | **0: Deficient** |
| **Inquiry** *(Topic Selection & Design Process)****(Use research******question as******header)****Design Process**(Theoretical**Framework and**Methodology)* | Identifies a creative, focused, and manageable topic that addresses potentially significant yet previouslyless-explored aspects of the topic. | Identifies a focused andmanageable/doabletopic that appropriatelyaddresses relevantaspects of the topic. | Identifies a topic that while manageable/doable, istoo narrowly focusedand leaves out relevantaspects of the topic. | Identifies a topic that is far too general andwide-ranging as to bemanageable anddoable. | Undefined/Unclear topic. |
| Identifies and explains theoretical framework AND identifies methodology used insources. | Identifies, but does not explain, theoretical framework AND identifiesmethodology used insources. | Identifies, but does not explain, theoretical framework used in source; OR only identifies methodology used in source. | Does not identify theoretical frameworkOR methodologyused in source. | Omitted theoretical framework and/or methodology. |
| **Analysis** *(Analysis)* **(Quote from****source which****answers research****question)** | Skillfully summarizes source and integratesquote from the source. The quote is directly related to the research question. | Adequately summarizes source and integrates quote from the source. The quote is somewhat related to the research question. | Poorly summarizes source and integratesquote from thesource. The quote ismarginally related tothe research questions. | Does not summarize source and/or doesnot integrate quotefrom the source, orintegrated quote is notrelated to the researchquestion. | Lack summary and/or quote. |
| **Synthesis** *(Existing Knowledge)***(3 allowable****sources)** | Synthesizes in-depthinformation from three (3) credible, relevant sources including one(1) peer-reviewed article and no more than one website or video. | Presents in-depthinformation fromthree (3) credible,relevant sources butdoes not include apeer-reviewed articleOR has more thanone website or video. | Presents informationfrom two (2) credible,relevant sources. | Presents informationfrom irrelevantsources OR one (1)relevant source ORsources are notcredible. | Neglects to use credible sources. |
| **Product** *(Conclusion)***(In your own****words, how does****the article helps****answer your****research****question?)** | States a conclusion that is a logical extrapolationfrom the inquiryfindings. | States a conclusionfocused solely on theinquiry findings. Theconclusion arisesspecifically, from andresponds specificallyto the inquiry findings. | States a generalconclusion that,because it is so general, also applies beyond the scope of the inquiry findings. | States an ambiguous,illogical, or unsupportableconclusion from inquiry findings. | Omits conclusion. |