

HIST 802 Research Paper Evaluation Rubric

Beyond Expectations	Meets Expectations	Below Expectations
Extraordinary quality of the paper makes it worth of an award.	Professional-quality paper, suitable for consideration for publication in a scholarly journal.	Paper not suitable for consideration for publication in a scholarly journal.
Paper addresses a topic of major significance to its historical field.	Paper addresses a significant topic.	Paper does not clearly demonstrate that it addresses a significant topic.
Paper offers a major original insight into that topic.	Paper offers an original insight into that topic.	Paper is largely descriptive, and does not offer an original insight into that topic.
Paper's source base consists of new or little-studied primary sources in the original language, or analyzes known sources in novel and productive ways.	Paper's source base consists of primary sources in the original language.	Paper's source base has few, or no, primary sources in the original language.
Exceptionally thorough scholarly apparatus (usually footnotes/endnotes).	Full scholarly apparatus (usually footnotes/endnotes).	Incomplete or missing scholarly apparatus (usually footnotes/endnotes).
Unusually graceful and clear writing style.	Accurate and graceful prose style.	Numerous typographical errors and/or writing style not graceful.
N/A	Paper length is 7,500-10,000 words.	Paper length is fewer than 7,500 words.
The analysis of historical problems is unusually effective and convincing.	Paper analyzes historical problems effectively and convincingly.	Paper does not analyze historical problems effectively and convincingly.

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