

Delicate Balance – Spring 2006

Article Analysis Directions

This term you will have opportunities to collect and assess research materials that relate to your term project. The guidelines for the analysis of these articles are identical to those for the précis, except that you yourself must identify and use an **article from a scholarly peer-reviewed journal**. If you have any questions regarding the suitability of your article, feel free to consult with me right away.

YOU MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF THE ARTICLE ALONG WITH YOUR ANALYSIS!

Here is how your article analysis will be evaluated:

____ / **3: Source** – one point possible for each of the following required criteria:

1. The analysis is preceded by a complete and correctly formatted APA citation? Y / N
2. The article is from a scholarly peer-reviewed journal? Y / N
3. Your analysis begins with a sentence that summarizes the thesis statement or main finding of the article and how this enhances your understanding of your research topic? Y / N / in part

____ / **8: Accuracy** – worth up to 4 points each (see scale presented with précis directions):

1. You identify the author's main argument? Y / N / in part
2. You identify the evidence the author used to make the argument? Y / N / in part

____ / **8: Evaluation** – worth up to 4 points each (see scale presented with précis directions):

1. You identify and assess the source(s) of the evidence the author used? Y / N / in part
2. You explain how the author presented the evidence? Y / N / in part

____ / **3: Writing skills reflected** – one additional point possible for each of the following criteria:

1. Your writing is particularly well organized? Y / N
2. Your writing is sufficiently clear and concise? Y / N
3. Your writing is generally technically correct? Y / N

FINAL SCORE = _____