

Cultural Artifact Rubric:

Piece has an original title that grabs the reader's attention and gives an idea of what the piece will be about. It alludes to the object and the claim that will be made about it or culture.

/3 points

Piece follows correct MLA document formatting, including: 1) 12 pt Times New Roman font, 2) 1 inch margins, 3) double spacing, and 4) a heading including your name, your instructor's name, the course number, and the date on the left.

/5 points

Language Use: Writer is aware of the 3 Cs. Grammar, spelling, and punctuation use does not obscure the author's meaning.

/10 points

Tone: The writer assumes a formal tone in his or her language use. "I" is used very sparingly and only when needed; "you" is not used at all. Informal, colloquial language is avoided unless necessary.

/10 points

Piece includes an introduction that 1) grabs the reader's attention, 2) previews main idea(s) of the piece, and 3) is relevant and unique to that writer's story.

/8 points

This two-part thesis makes a claim about the artifact/object as well as the culture that uses the object.

/15 points

Outside sources: Writer uses at least two outside sources to support their claims.

/10 points

Analysis: Thesis and claims are supported by analysis. Writer clearly explains how details from outside sources support the thesis. Writer explains how all ideas of the piece support the main thesis. No irrelevant details or research are included.

/20 points

Organization and Flow: The purpose and effectiveness of the piece is enhanced by the organization of the ideas. The piece is divided into focused paragraphs that include a topic sentence. The piece flows logically from idea to idea and transitions are utilized where appropriate

/12 points

Piece includes a conclusion that restates main ideas and wraps up the piece

/7 points

In-text citations: Writer uses correctly formatted MLA in-text citations to indicate when information comes from outside sources*.

/5 points

Works Cited page: Piece includes a correctly formatted MLA works cited page that gives the reader information needed to verify where the outside information was found* **

/5 points

The final draft is between 1200 and 1700 words

/5 points

The final draft shows improvement from the rough draft in several of the above requirements

/0 points

Total score:

0 /115 points

0.0 %

*Information on correctly formatting MLA in-text citations and works cited pages can be found in the online writing resources listed in the syllabus. The Writing Center can also be helpful here.

**Submissions that do not include a Works Cited page will be returned with a zero. Resubmissions (with a Works Cited page) will be accepted within 48 hours without penalty.