

*This is the rubric I used to grade final papers last year. It will likely not be identical to what I will use this semester, but it will give you a rough idea of what I care about.*

**Final Paper**  
**Critical Thinking: Language & Thought**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Intro:

Big picture	1	_____
Outline of paper	1	_____
Clear thesis	2	_____
Motivation	1	_____

Background:

Thorough and knowledgeable	4	_____
No logical leaps	4	_____
Organization and writing	2	_____

New idea:

Novel	1	_____
Related to language	1	_____
Mech., exp. or app.	2	_____
Connected to background	3	_____
Logical and complete	3	_____
No gaps	2	_____

Conclusions

Summary	2	_____
Return to big picture	2	_____
Future work/limitations	1	_____

References

At least five	2	_____
Most peer reviewed	1	_____
No baseless websites	1	_____

Comments: