

Checklist for Assessing the Prospectus – MMW4 Fall 2008

BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE ASSIGNMENT:

Prospectus is 3 pages long, but not longer than 3 pages	YES	NO
Uses at least five non-web, outside (not assigned for the course), published sources of scholarly merit	YES	NO
Does not include dictionary and encyclopedia entries in the minimum of five sources	YES	NO
Of the five minimum sources, uses at least one article from a scholarly journal (periodical)	YES	NO
In addition, uses at least one primary source, produced within the time period	YES	NO
Uses NO WEB SOURCES except those already explicitly approved by your TA	YES	NO
Includes a photocopy or printout of all pages cited (but <i>only</i> pages cited -- no entire articles)	YES	NO
Photocopies/printouts are labeled with author's name, with appropriate highlighting or underlining	YES	NO
Addresses a research question that either was approved or would be approved as having satisfied <u>all</u> the requirements of the Research Question assignment (see the checklist for that assignment)	YES	NO
Presents an argument that answers a debatable question	YES	NO
Conforms to all the requirements of the MMW Style Sheet (e.g., headings and other general submission criteria, spelling, etc. -- you should treat the Style Sheet as a checklist for every MMW paper!)	YES	NO
Converted the Annotated Bibliography into a Works Cited	YES	NO
Is in paragraph, not outline, form	YES	NO
Explains the topic and the problem that is addressed in the paper	YES	NO
States the tentative thesis	YES	NO
Offers a clear overview of the evidence used to argue that the thesis is persuasive	YES	NO
Identifies the evidence that supports the thesis	YES	NO
Indicates at least one tentative counter/alternative argument and identifies the evidence that supports it	YES	NO
Rebuts counter/alternative argument	YES	NO
Offers citations for sources used in the argument and counter/alternative argument	YES	NO
Explains why the thesis is significant	YES	NO
Uses only limited quotations, not substantial blocks of quoted material	YES	NO

COMMENTS: