

## SOCIOLOGY OF VOCATION PAPER GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Guiding Questions	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
<b>Organization</b>	Is the paper structurally well-constructed? Is it clear and easy to follow the logic of the argument? Does it flow?	N/A	2	1	0
<b>Proofreading, Spelling, Grammar</b>	Is the paper technically sound in terms of sentence construction and spelling? Is the punctuation in the right places, etc.?	N/A	2	1	0
<b>Use of Readings*</b>	Are the readings <i>integral</i> to the argument, merely <i>illustrative</i> , or entirely <i>absent</i> ?	3	2	1	0
<b>Quality of Argument</b>	Is the paper smart, interesting, compelling, convincing?	3	2	1	0
<b>Intangibles</b>	Is there something beyond these other criteria that stands out about this paper? That “je ne sais quoi” which makes it hard to put down?	+2	+1	0	N/A
<b>TOTAL SCORE:</b>					

**COMMENTS (other comments may be posted in the Blackboard grade book):**

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\*Excellent “use of readings” makes the readings *integral* to your argument, and not simply *illustrative* of it. Integral means that the argument cannot be made without the use of the readings. You can tell whether your use is integral if removing the reference to the reading does not change the strength of the argument. For example, “I feel like I am committed to the social good, but cannot articulate why. I am like Wayne Bauer from *Habits of the Heart* in this way.” The reference here to *Habits* is merely *illustrative*. Better than nothing (“acceptable/average” on the above scale), but is not “excellent,” or even “good.”