252 Paper Grading Rubric

General Expectations:
- Addresses GRAMMAR clearly and specifically
- Responds to peer reviews as appropriate
- Contains real-life examples
- Avoids preaching

10 Awesome paper
  - WOWs the reader...
  - fully addresses the topic chosen
  - includes evidence from class/text discussion, academic & other sources AND
  - meaningfully synthesizes reading material and personal experience/opinion
  - may be worth pursuing as a potential conference presentation or journal publication

9 Great paper
  - excellence at a level to be expected of sophomores but lacking the polish of an “A+” paper
  - original and interesting treatment of topic (development of your own idea, built on the
    foundation of class, text & articles, but not just a summary)
  - specifics (detailed description and real-life examples)
  - supports all general statements; balanced introduction and conclusion; transitions between
    sections and paragraphs; varied sentence patterns; appropriate word choice
  - no problems with grammar, mechanics, or usage

8 Good paper
  - thorough treatment of the topic with some originality of thought (perhaps more summary
    than synthesis, but trying…)
  - examples provided, but may not be smoothly integrated or may not capture the full scope of
    the issue discussed
  - writing style is acceptable, but not exemplary; perhaps some problems in grammar,
    mechanics, or usage, but not problems which distract from meaning

7 A paper
  - summary of an issue with superficial content (indicates some comprehension)
  - examples are tossed in without clear evidence of a depth of understanding
  - may not relate concepts from the textbook/class discussions to the issue
  - logic &/or grammar of the paper may be somewhat distracting

6 A collection of paragraphs
  - has something to do with a grammar point (at least related to the assignment)
  - logic &/or grammar errors obscure the writer's point

< 6 A page (or more) with words
  - Assignment not done, not at all on topic, or short and undeveloped
  - Multiple, disorganized ideas

Late papers will be graded on this scale, then assessed the late penalty