

Student–Led Seminar Evaluation Rubric (Transforming Capitalism)

Category	F (Fail)	D (Below Average Work)	C (Average Work)	B (Excellent Work)	A (Superior Work)
Selection of Reading (Appropriateness)	Inappropriate, off-topic, or not approved.	Weak relevance to course themes; unclear connection.	Generally relevant but limited depth or contribution.	Clearly relevant and appropriate; supports course themes well.	Highly relevant, insightful choice that advances understanding of transforming capitalism.
Identification of Central Claim(s)	Central claim(s) missing or incorrect.	Vague or partially misunderstood claims.	Central claim(s) identified with basic explanation.	Clear and accurate explanation in students' own words.	Precise, nuanced articulation showing deep understanding of stakes and implications.
Synthesis of Key Arguments	No synthesis; ideas disconnected.	Limited or unclear connections between arguments.	Basic synthesis; some connections made.	Clear synthesis showing how arguments support main claim(s).	Sophisticated synthesis demonstrating strong critical analysis.
Engagement with Course Themes	No connection to course themes.	Minimal or superficial connections.	Adequate connection to course themes (e.g., capitalism, crisis, transformation).	Clear and thoughtful integration with course material.	Insightful integration across themes and readings; deepens understanding of the course.
Clarity and Organization of Presentation	Unclear, disorganized, difficult to follow.	Some structure but lacks clarity.	Generally clear but uneven or rushed.	Clear, organized, and easy to follow.	Exceptionally clear, well-structured, and engaging throughout.

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Time Management (10 minutes maximum)	Significantly over/under time ($\pm 3+$ minutes).	Over/under time ($\pm 2-3$ minutes).	Slightly over/under time ($\pm 1-2$ minutes).	Within time limit; minor pacing issues.	Well-paced and effectively uses full time (≤ 10 minutes).
Submission of Seminar Materials	Materials not submitted.	Incomplete or unclear materials.	Materials submitted but minimally developed.	Complete and clearly organized materials.	Thorough, polished materials demonstrating strong preparation.