

1.a. Professor Asher's CRITERIA FOR GRADING WRITTEN WORK

- Your writing must show a good understanding of the material assigned by the instructor or selected by the student. It must be organized around a clear and focused central point or main idea. (30%)
- Your argument should be articulated coherently, supported with relevant evidence, developed systematically, and presented in a well-organized and convincing manner (30%)
- Your writing must indicate your insights, analysis and critical reaction to the material. (30%)
- Your written work should be free of repeated mistakes in grammar and punctuation, be clear and easy to read, and with citations and bibliography formatted correctly. (10%)

1.b. My grading scale for written and oral work is as follows:

A = a well-organized, lucidly written paper free of mechanical errors (or oral argument) that indicates your thorough understanding of the material and your interesting insights or critical responses to it. In a phrase, an A paper is a "perfect 10" paper.

B = a paper (or presentation) that offers evidence of your understanding of the material, but in which your points are obscured due to mechanical errors, lack of organization, inadequate evidence and/or insufficiently developed arguments. Please note that for graduate students all grades below a B- constitute a failing grade.

C = a paper in which the student's understanding and response to the material is unclear or largely obscured due to any one or more of the factors listed under B.

D, F = indicate that students are submitting unacceptable work.

1. c. For a checklist for your written work, see a copy of my Guidelines and Checklist for Written Work, aka Prof Asher's 20 commandments!

1. d. GRADE CHART

	Out of 10	Out of 5	GPA
A+	9.9 - 10	5	4.3
A	9.3 - 9.8	4.7 - 4.9	4
A-	8.6 - 9.2	4.3 - 4.6	3.7
B+	7.9 - 8.5	4.0 - 4.2	3.3
B	7.2 - 7.8	3.6 - 3.9	3.0
B-	6.5 - 7.1	3.3 - 3.5	2.7
C+	5.8 - 6.4	3.0 - 3.2	2.3
C	5.1 - 5.7	2.6 - 2.9	2.0
C-	4.4 - 5.0	2.3 - 2.5	1.7
D+	3.7 - 4.3	2.0 - 2.2	1.7
D	3.0 - 3.6	1.9 - 1.7	1.0
F	2.7 - 2.9		0.0