

Grading Rubric for Writing Assignment Postings

Element	Criteria	Score
Content	<u>Length</u> is appropriate for the topic as specified in the assignment instructions. Most or all of the <u>prompt questions are answered</u> , or topic is thoroughly explored. Student shows engagement and thoughtfulness in composition. Writing includes detailed and substantive ideas. <u>Meaning is clear</u> .	_____ out of 8
Originality	Student writing is an <u>original creation</u> . <u>Computer and internet translation sources are NOT used</u> , or used only for individual words: <u>never</u> complete sentences or phrases. Student reworks prompt questions and examples in individual ways. <u>Reliance on sources outside the textbook is minimal</u> .	_____ out of 8
Vocabulary	Student uses the <u>vocabulary and idioms as learned in class</u> , appropriately for each question. Stock phrases are used correctly, and <u>textbook vocabulary is incorporated</u> accurately. Student adds some original vocabulary elements to build personalized content.	_____ out of 7
Grammar	Student writing follows the <u>grammatical rules as learned in class</u> to this point. (Points are not taken off for grammatical errors that have not been learned yet!) Student shows accuracy in <u>verb conjugation</u> , <u>gender</u> of nouns and pronouns, <u>plural</u> forms, <u>word order</u> , and <u>case</u> (nominative, accusative, dative) where appropriate.	_____ out of 7
Spelling	All content is correctly <u>spelled</u> . <u>Nouns are capitalized</u> . <u>Umlauts</u> are correctly placed and typed. Punctuation and other mechanics follow standard German guidelines.	_____ out of 5
Promptness	Student writing is <u>completed well in advance of the due date</u> of Sunday night, providing time for comments and responses from peers. <u>Responses</u> , if required for the assignment, are also completed substantially early <u>before the due date</u> .	_____ out of 5
Responses	Student <u>responds to other postings</u> as required in the assignment instructions. Responses are <u>relevant</u> to the topic, show <u>understanding</u> of the discussion, and <u>stimulate further interest</u> .	_____ out of 10
Total	Total of All Criteria: (final score is 50 points total)	_____ out of 50