# Rubric for the Final Project Paper – 60 Possible Points

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| **Object Background** (20 Points) | • Object background contains useful and interesting information  
• Narrative is a pleasure to read, engages the subject matter at a high level, and may yield new information even for experts | • Object background contains useful and accurate information  
• Narrative is engaging | • Object background contains key information but is too short, sparse on detail, or incorrect in some details  
• Narrative reads like a list of facts  
• Narrative is light on length/content | • Object background is lacking, non-existent, or blatantly false  
• Narrative is dull to read  
• Narrative is not nearly long enough to convey meaningful information | | |
| **Calculation and Explanation** (20 Points) | • Calculation is correct and clearly/cleanly explained  
• Another student could repeat and understand the calculation based on provided description | • Calculation is correct  
• Another student could repeat the calculation based on provided description, but may struggle to generalize beyond this | • Calculation is mostly correct, but inadequate detail is provided  
• Expert/instructor/prior knowledge would be required alongside the description provided to repeat the calculation | • Calculation is grossly incorrect, flawed, or nonexistent  
• It is unclear how the resulting calculation was made based on the narrative | | |
| **Citations** (5 Points) | • Several (4 – 5+) appropriate citations  
• Citations demonstrate diverse literature search | • A handful (3 – 5) of appropriate citations  
• Citations demonstrate adequate search | • A few (2 – 4) appropriate citations  
• Citations are exclusively “front page” results | • Inadequate number or no citations  
• Citations do not demonstrate any outside study | | |
| **Clarity** (15 points) | • No spelling & grammar mistakes  
• Vocabulary use is appropriate and displays mastery of content | • Minimal spelling & grammar mistakes  
• Vocabulary use is appropriate | • Noticeable spelling & grammar mistakes  
• Vocabulary use is correct but clunky/awkward | • Routine spelling & grammar mistakes  
• Vocabulary use is incorrect or confusing | | |