

Grading Method Position Paper

This assignment is due May 28th.

Overview

This short paper will take one particular grading technique (preferably one we have talked about in class) and take a position on the strengths and weaknesses of this grading method for a particular purpose.

For example, you might evaluate a particular technique for the FYC classroom, a particular type of student, etc. So, you could look at the effectiveness of rubrics for ELL students. Or the effectiveness of portfolios in basic writing classrooms.

In order to make your argument, you can certainly use the sources read in class, but you'll have to go beyond that. Find a few other books and/or articles on your topic. While you should have several scholarly sources, you can also draw on websites from universities that have examples of the technique you're evaluating. I'm looking for an *argument* grounded in some theory/research, but not a detailed literature review.

This paper should be approximately 5 pages, or around 1500 words.

Goals

- To research a particular grading method
- To apply that research to a specific context
- To argue for/against a particular grading method in a particular context
- To present your argument in a way that is useful for other teachers

Grading

You'll be graded on how well your work fits the goals of the assignment. Your grade will be holistic and will consider both the background research on the topic and your overall argument. I'll also be looking at how clearly you define the strengths and weaknesses of your grading method to other instructors.