Appendix 2: Grading Rubric

Grading Criteria	A – Highly Competent	B – Mostly Competent	C – Slightly Competent	D – Barely Competent
1) Scholarship & Critical Analysis 1) Knowledge & Understanding of feminist literature. 2) Interpretation & critical analysis of texts in Women's Studies.	A clear mastery of feminist theory. Identification of complex arguments within the texts	Good grasp of feminist theory Clear interpretation of texts.	Some grasp of feminist theory Over all interpretation okay, with problems in some places.	Hardly any grasp of feminist theory Several interpretation problems
2) Feminist Perspectives 1) Application of feminist perspectives to social issues/institutions or organization 2) Compare different feminist theories, assessing their relative advantages & disadvantages	Excellent application of theories to social context Strong comparison of relative usefulness of theories	Suitable application of feminist theories to social context Connections established between theories	Theories are somewhat applied to context. Their relative advantages/disadvantages not evaluated.	There is somewhat of an attempt to apply theory to context. No comparisons offered.
3) Effective Communication 1) Syntax, Grammar & Organization 2) Audience Engagement	Paper is well organized with excellent intro, strong paragraphs, transitions, adequate supporting quotes, summary & critical analysis. Paper is engaging, with no grammar errors.	Well organized with good ideas and well developed paras, supporting quotes and explanations. Topic is quite interesting & there may be slight grammar errors.	Organization needs improvement. Paragraphs are weak, lacking transitions. Either too much summary, or very little explanation of context. Needs supporting quotes. Topic is somewhat engaging for audience. Several grammar errors.	Lacks organization, poorly constructed paragraphs. Discussion not adequate. Lacks quotes, arguments, & substantial context. Topic is not engaging. There may or may not be several grammar errors.