

Final Paper: Grading Rubric
Cervantes: *Don Quijote* (SPAN 302)

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Date: _____

1. Format, Organization and Completion

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The paper contains all of the required components (title page, synopsis, introduction, literature review, analysis and/or comparison, conclusion, and works cited), is formatted according to specifications in the syllabus and MLA Handbook, and meets the length requirement. Each component of the essay is developed and the paper is complete.

2. Sources

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The sources derive mainly from the library's databases, are scholarly, and are relevant to the topic. The sources are utilized (paraphrased and/or quoted) in a way that supports and enhances the paper's analysis and argument. Paper incorporates and discusses in a deliberate manner all of the sources that appear on the works cited page. The sources are correctly documented using MLA conventions on a works cited page at the end of the paper.

3. Content (essentials)

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The paper contains a well-conceived and well-articulated thesis statement and a coherent argument in support of the thesis. The argument culminates in a relevant and logical conclusion. The paper exhibits an effective use of transitions between paragraphs. Overall, the underlying thought process is rational, controlled, and objective.

4. Content (argument)

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The analysis and/or comparison is well framed, argumentative, thoughtful, and insightful. Points of view that contradict or detract from the argument are acknowledged and addressed. Argument is carefully constructed and makes a strong case in defense of the thesis. The argument develops systematically and exhibits a high level of cohesion, clarity, precision, and complexity. Overall, the argument is persuasive. Conclusion recaps and enlightens.

5. Readability

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The paper uses correct syntax and contains few if any grammatical errors. Word-choice is varied and exact with little to no repetition. There is no superfluous information or argumentative redundancy. Sentence-length and paragraph-length are varied and measured. The paper contains no misspelled words and exhibits a broad range of verb forms. The paper correctly uses subjunctive and compound verb forms, shows a command of subject-verb and noun-adjective agreement, and utilizes pronouns effectively.

Total Points _____

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