

**SOCI/ANTH 4036 - SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION - WINTER 2007  
GUIDE TO ASSIGNMENTS - 2/4**

**WRITTEN CRITIQUES - 30%**

Students are required to write two brief (750 -1000 words) academic critiques.

Critical analysis is another fundamental learning component in this course, and the development of successful reading, evaluation and writing skills will also benefit you in your future studies and careers.

Tips for critical analysis and guidelines for how to write a strong critique are included after the assignment details below.

Students will sign up for the readings they will critique in the second class, Jan 10<sup>th</sup>.

For **Critique # 1** (15%) you must select one chapter from the assigned textbook. Here's a space for you to write down the details.

Chapter:

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Due:

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As per sign up (between Jan 17 - Feb 14)

For **Critique # 2** (15%) you must select one of the assigned articles. Here's a space for you to write down the details.

Article:

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Due:

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As per sign up (between Feb 14 - Mar 22)

## Evaluation.

### Summary (5 marks)

Provides a clear summary of the purpose, main themes, leading ideas, proposals and/or conclusions presented by the author/s (3 marks); includes discussion of its contribution to social and cultural studies of science and technology, as well as to the week's themes (2 marks).

### Critical analysis (8 marks)

Goes beyond summary to evaluate the author's assumptions and arguments (2 marks); presents counter-arguments and evaluates them in relation to the stated strengths and weaknesses (4 marks); offers alternative perspectives and suggests additional questions for research (2 marks).

### Organisation (3 marks)

Coherently and creatively presents a thesis statement, critical analysis, conclusions and bibliography (2 marks); uses titles and headings to focus and engage the reader (1 mark).

**Total - 15 marks (15 x 2 = 30 marks total)**

## Additional resources.

Course themes and keywords can be found here:

<http://socanth4036.wordpress.com/class-themes-keywords/>

Background resources can be found here:

<http://socanth4036.wordpress.com/research-resources/>

More handouts on academic research and writing can be found here:

<http://socanth4036.wordpress.com/class-assignments/>