Phys 280 RE4v1 **Option A** rubric:

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| **Features**: | **Description:** | **Comments on student paper for each feature (noting problems and strengths)**: |
| **Coverage of issues and information**  **(20%)** | Regarding types of terrorism   * Should include a definition of terrorism and state the purpose of the report. * Explain and describe the four essential elements of terrorism (from Richardson's definition) to help clarify actions that would or would not be considered terrorism under this definition. * Explain Richardson’s three R’s (Revenge, renown, reaction) * Defines state-sponsored (sub-state) terrorism and distinguishes it from state terrorism and war terrorism. Include two historical examples of each of these three types of state-related terrorism.   Regarding nuclear terrorism   * Lists the three possible pathways for terrorists to obtain nuclear weapons and which is considered most likely to occur. * Briefly describes the difficulties involved for terrorists and the most likely sources of materials or weapons. |  |
| **Precise and accurate use of concepts**  **(15%)** | Use Richardson's definition of terrorism. (You could say, for example, "Following Richardson, the NCTC defines terrorism as...") Be sure to include all *four* essential elements of this definition.  Accurate distinction between state-sponsored terrorism, state terrorism, and war terrorism.  Correct listing of three possible pathways for terrorists to obtain nuclear weapons. |  |
| **Explanation & argument**  **(15%)** | Explain and describe the four essential elements of terrorism.  Explain which pathway for terrorists to obtain nuclear weapons is most likely to occur.  Explain the difficulties involved of each pathway for terrorists and the most likely sources of materials or weapons. |  |
| **Professional style**  **(20%)** | “Bottom Line Up Front” (BLUF) writing style. Each paragraph should begin with a sentence that sums up all the information in that paragraph. If a paragraph includes information not found in the first sentence, either remove that information or rewrite the first sentence.  Following the first sentence, the most crucial information should precede less important details.  Language (word choice, sentence structure, flow of information etc.) is precise and straightforward, attending to: Concision, Clarity, Brevity, Professional tone, and Organization  Comprehensive and thoughtful use of sources (use both listed here)   * What Terrorists Want * Course slides on terrorism   - Source info clearly cited using footnotes.  - Uses a mixture of quotation, paraphrase, and summary. |  |
| **Conformity to conventions**  **(15%)** | A title (16-pt font, centered and bolded)   * Should describe concisely the content/purpose of the report   *The first sentence of each paragraph should be italicized*.  No bibliography or a list of references included.  Sources cited using footnotes. Using following format to cite:  What Terrorists Want - WTW, p. 64  Course slides on terrorism - 18p280 Terrorism, slide 3  2.5-3 pages  Header and date in correct format  Page numbers  12-point Times New Roman font throughout (including page numbers)  1.25" side margins and 1" top margins and .5" bottom margins. |  |
| **Copy editing and use of standard language**  **(5%)** |  |  |
| **Peer Edit**  **(10%)** |  |  |
| **Overall Comments:** | | |