

Physics 280
Writing Lab 8

Required Essay 4

Process:

1. Students choose one of two essay options (A or B) in 3/23 Writing Lab
2. For chosen option, each student suggests items to be placed into each rubric category (bullet items), using a suggestion template (download from [Student Handout Folder](#) in Google Drive) -- drafts of RE4v0 are finalized in the 3/30 Writing Lab and submitted electronically the same day
3. Course staff compile collective suggestions into a shared rubric for each option, distributed to class via [Student Handout Folder](#) before class meeting time on Tuesday 3/31
4. Each student submits RE4v1 with writer's memo electronically by Wednesday 4/1 by 10:00pm
5. Students peer review RE4v1 drafts with peer review partner -- due by Sunday 4/12 by 10pm
6. Each student submits RE4v2 with writer's memo electronically by Wednesday 4/15 by 10pm

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Option A:

You are an intelligence analyst for the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC). Your group brings together analysts and specialists from the CIA, the FBI, the DoD, and other federal agencies. With the personnel changes arising from the transition between two presidential administrations, you are in charge of writing and disseminating a brief report explaining the Center's accepted definition of terrorism, the differences in types of terrorism, and the possible avenues for terrorists to acquire nuclear-explosive materials or nuclear weapons. This report will serve as an introductory document to facilitate a more productive discussion of concerns about nuclear terrorism.

Option B:

You are a writer for Scientific American, and your editor has assigned you to provide a brief report on some of the key aspects of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), more commonly known as the Iran Nuclear Deal. This report should serve as a high quality summary of the major points of the agreement, both in terms of Iran's commitments in regards to proliferation as well as the promised responses of the other actors involved.

RE4v0 Fixed Rubric Categories

- Coverage of issues & information
- Precise & accurate use of concepts
- Explanation & argument
- Professional style (including sources to be used)
- Conformity to conventions
- Other Suggestions [new]