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| **Criteria** | **Exemplary:** **18-20 points** | **Good:** **16-17 points** | **Acceptable:** **14-15 points** | **Unacceptable:** **13 points or less** |
| **Content** | Balanced summary of relevant and legitimate information. The information is clearly linked to the appropriate course concepts/themes. | Summary displays evidence of an above average analysis. The information is linked to the appropriate course concepts/themes. | The summary is basic or general. The link to the appropriate course concepts/themes may not be clear or questionable accuracy. | The summary is vague. The link to the appropriate course concepts/themes is not correct or nonexistent. |
| **Criteria** | **Exemplary:** **5 points** | **Good:** **3-4 points** | **Acceptable:** **1-2 points** | **Unacceptable:** **0 points** |
| **Grammar, spelling, and writing mechanics** | The writing is free or almost free of errors | There are occasional errors, but they don’t represent a major distraction or obscure meaning. | The writing has many errors, and the reader is distracted by them. | There are so many errors that the meaning is obscured. The reader is confused and stops reading. |