**Rubric for grading research questions**

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| Exemplary  Three points | Good  Two points | Fair  One point | Unsatisfactory  No points |
| Question demonstrates a deep understanding of the topic and shows analytical and original thought.  Question is well developed and appropriate to assignment. | Question demonstrates good grasp of the topic’s depth and complexity.  Question is fairly focused and relates to assignment. | Question demonstrates minimal knowledge or depth of the topic.  Question relates to assignment but is overly broad or narrow. | Research question is absent or posed as a yes/no question.  Question is vague and unrelated to assignment. |