

Guidelines for Written Critiques

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Your written critiques for *each* paper that is presented in class should be no more than *two* pages long (10- or 11-pt font, single-spaced, and 1" margins). The critiques should read as a critical review for the paper. The overall structure for the two-page critique should be as follows:

1. Overall Summary (1/4 page)
 - What is the paper about?
2. Strengths (1/3 page)
3. Weaknesses (1/3 page)
4. Overall Impression (1/4 page)
 - Given the research topic and the identified strengths and weaknesses, what is your impression of the paper?
5. What Would You Do Differently (5/6 page)
 - Suggestion:
 - a. Read only the abstract and introduction of the paper first, i.e., where you typically find the problem statement.
 - b. Think about how *you* would solve the problem and write it down.
 - c. Modify your solution, as needed, after thinking about it for a day.
 - d. Return to the paper and read what the paper did.
 - e. Modify your solution further.