

DMin Chapter Rubric

CHAPTER TWO: THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION

Category	4.00 Target	3.00 Needs Improvement	2.00 Unsatisfactory	1.00 Unacceptable
Introduction	The chapter begins with an introduction that invites the reader into the topic and presents a bird's eye view of what the chapter will cover.	Same as Target, the bird's eye view is incomplete.	The reader is invited into the topic but no bird's eye view is given of what the chapter will cover.	There is no introduction or no clear connection between the introduction and the body of the chapter.
A Constructive Theological Essay	The chapter is clearly written as a constructive theological essay. It identifies a theological question/problem which is central to the task of the project. It enters into conversation with the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy (optional) through the lens of a particular theological approach. It then constructs an answering biblical theology to serve as the theological foundation for the project.	Same as target, except there is a slight tendency to sidetrack onto tangents that are not directly related to the central issue being addressed.	There is a tendency to get off point and to deal with tangents that are not directly related to the central issue being addressed and/or the chapter is only loosely connected to the central task of the project.	One or more of the following is true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chapter is not connected to the central task of the project. • There is no clear theological approach • There is no answering biblical theology constructed
Writing in the Academic Voice	All claims are supported by clear evidence. The connection between the claim and the evidence is warranted. The evidence is presented in a clear and linear fashion. The chapter bases its appeal upon <i>logos</i> and doesn't attempt to divert to the sermonic lures of pathos and ethos. It does it overstate its claims.	The evidence is presented in a mostly linear fashion and is clear. There is a slight tendency to overstate certain claims. However all claims are still based on clear and warranted evidence and/or there is a minor inclination to use sermonic language.	1 or 2 of the claims made in the chapter are either not supported by clear evidence or the connection between the claim and the evidence does not seem warranted and/or there is a clear tendency to write in a sermonic voice and not an academic voice.	3 or more claims are not based on either evidence or warranted evidence and/or the entire chapter sounds like a sermon.

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Use of Quotations	The chapter minimizes the use of quotations and instead seeks to summarize the ideas of others. All quotations are placed within a "quotation sandwich." All quotations are formatted correctly.	There is a reasonable balance between summarization and quotation and the majority of quotations are placed within a "quotation sandwich."	The quotations that are used are not placed within a "quotation sandwich." and/or the chapter focuses more on quoting others than on summarizing their ideas.	The chapter looks like a "cut and paste" job and/or the quotations are not formatted correctly.
Conclusion	The chapter ends with a conclusion that reiterates the main points, restates the thesis in light of its substantiation and exemplification reflects on the journey that has led to this concluding moment, and acknowledges directions for further research and reflection.	The chapter ends with a conclusion that reiterates the main points and restates the thesis in light of its substantiation and exemplification.	One of the main points is not reiterated in the conclusion. Or in addition to reiterating what was discovered in the body of the chapter the conclusion presents new evidence or makes claims that are not substantiated in the body of the chapter.	There is no conclusion or the conclusion does not capture the main points of the chapter.
Format	The chapter formatting follows proper <i>Andrews Standards for Written Work</i> .	There is 1 formatting mistake.	There are 2 formatting mistakes.	There are 3 or more formatting mistakes.
Style	The chapter follows APA Style in-text referencing to cite sources.	There is 1 stylistic mistake.	There are 2 stylistic mistakes.	There are 3 or more stylistic mistakes.
Language Conventions	There are no spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors.	There is 1 spelling, grammar, or punctuation error.	There are 2 spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors.	There are more than 3 spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors.
Clearly Written	The chapter is written in a reader-friendly manner that models clarity of expression.	The chapter is written in a mostly reader-friendly manner. There is a slight tendency to use a few long rambling sentences.	Expression of some ideas is confusing to the reader. Uses lots of long, rambling sentences.	The chapter does not promote reader understanding and/or is unclear in language use and expression. Uses long, rambling or run-on sentences.
Length	20-25 pages	26-30 pages	31-40 pages	More than 40 pages