Public Philosophy Journal Rubric
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To receive a ‘1’:

___ more than 450 words.
___ contains summary of the text (not the introduction).
___ contains philosophical reaction to the text.
___ contains commentary on the reading as public philosophy.
___ well edited for grammatical and spelling errors.
___ includes two questions at the end suitable for discussion in class.

To receive a ‘2’, all of the above plus:

___ long enough to contain substantive discussion.
___ summary contains quotes from the text.
___ commentary/analysis refers to specific points in the text.
___ commentary is thoughtful about who the audience is.
___ author’s voice is present.
___ final two questions are thoughtful and show reflection.

To receive a ‘3’, all of the above, plus:

___ contains a detailed summary with attention to nuance.
___ commentary/analysis includes citations that are the focus of discussion.
___ author’s critical voice is present.
___ author’s rhetorical voice is present (discussion focuses on the propriety of language choices)
___ explicitly connects to larger philosophical themes and/or other philosophers.