

Little Man: Ethics and Advocacy Mini-Paper Grading Rubric

Criteria	Exceeds Expectations (15 points)	Meets Expectations (9 points)	Below Expectations (8 points)
Content	Response to prompt demonstrates rational thought and insight using ethical theories and/or principles, as well as the ANA Code of Ethics.	Paper is somewhat rational and briefly mentions ethical theories and/or principles, and cites the ANA Code of Ethics.	Paper is unfocused and fails to include ethical theories or the ANA Code of Ethics.
Identification of Ethical Issues and Advocacy	Identifies multiple ethical issues illustrated in the movie, including family conflicts, end-of-life decision making, conflicts within the medical team, and discusses the role of the nurse as advocate.	Identifies some ethical issues, but misses the more complex issues.	Fails to identify ethical issues or imagines issues that are not based on the facts seen in the movie.
Viewpoint	Describes the viewpoints of all parties involved: parents, nurses, and physicians.	Considers viewpoints of some parties involved in the case and ignores others.	Does not acknowledge the viewpoints of any of the parties involved in the case.
Critical Thinking Skills Utilized to Make Decision	Arrives at balanced decision taking into account the viewpoints of all involved and the ethical principles that guide their actions.	Arrives at decision based on limited consideration of the roles and viewpoints of those involved.	Arrives at a decision based on personal opinion. Decision proposed is not practical or realistic, acceptable, or ethically justifiable.
Consequences Identified	Considers positive and negative consequences of the chosen decision for the patient, family, and healthcare team.	Some positive and negative consequences are proposed for the chosen decision.	No positive or negative consequences are proposed.
Timeliness	Paper submitted before due date.	Paper submitted at due date.	Paper submitted after due date.
Format	No punctuation, spelling, or grammatical errors; paper is 2-3 pages in length, formatted APA style, and includes bibliography.	Minimal punctuation, spelling, or grammatical errors. Paper is mostly completed within the 3 page limit, with minimal APA formatting errors. Paper includes bibliography.	Multiple spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors. Multiple APA formatting errors. Paper rambles and is in excess of 3 page limit. Paper lacks bibliography.

References	Bibliography includes more than 5 current (within last 5 years) references in APA format. No plagiarism used.	Bibliography includes 5 current (within last 5 years) references in APA format. Plagiarism not detected.	Bibliography has less than 5 references, references not current, or paper lacks bibliography. APA format not followed. Plagiarism may be detected.
Writing Skills	Paper follows coherent sequence of ideas and leads to justifiable conclusion. Paragraphs are well structured with appropriate transitions.	Sequence of ideas loosely linked to conclusion. Paragraphs are well structured, but not connected with transition sentences.	Conclusion does not arise from the concepts in the paper. Paragraphs lack appropriate structure or transitions.

Rubric guidelines adapted from American Nurses Association. (n.d). *Guide to the Code of Ethics for Nurses: Development, Application, and Interpretation* Faculty Pak. Retrieved March 22, 2018, from <https://www.nursingworld.org/practice-policy/nursing-excellence/ethics/faculty-pak/>