

# SAGrader Customized Assignment Template

To build a custom SAGrader assignment, we need three things from you:

1. **A detailed grading rubric**
2. **10 or more graded responses**
3. **Source text information**

We'll need about two weeks to build your assignment.

## Grading Rubric

*Please fill in the following information. The example rubric below will help, too.*

**Assignment Name:** Enter a brief name here

**Total points:** Indicate the highest score possible for this assignment

### Student Prompt:

Describe the assignment for students. This should be explicit enough to identify the key elements expected in a good question and should specify how many of each of those are required for full credit.

It may be a complex essay assignment, asking students to identify some key elements, then other features related to those, still other features related to those, and so on. Typically, questions can be expressed as an outline with the highest level items at the top, subordinate items under those, and on and on. A single assignment can be composed of a single question or several different questions.

Your description here may be more detailed than the prompt displayed to students. Sometimes, for example, you may want students to be able to identify the appropriate sub-elements required in the question without having to specify that for them.

### Outline of potential correct answers:

Correct answers of varying types and their relationships to other items are summarized in outline form. This should reflect the key elements you would expect to see in correct answers.

## Grading Rubric (Example)

**Assignment Name:** Describe 2 Distinguished Sociologists

**Total points:** 30 points

### Student Prompt:

Students need to identify two of the following sociologists: Emile Durkheim. . . .

For each sociologist, students should identify birth year, death year, birth country, 1 study written by the sociologist, 1 thing that influenced the sociologist, 1 theory associated with the sociologist and 1 item that made the sociologist significant or an important aspect about his or her life.

Students should also identify and define at least 1 concept related to the sociologist.

### Outline of potential correct answers:

Below is the outline of correct answers for this assignment for one sociologist, Emile Durkheim. The complete rubric includes an outline for each of the sociologists.

Emile Durkheim

- Birth year: 1858
- Death year: 1917
- Birth country: France
- Authored:
  - Suicide
  - Sociology and Philosophy
  - The Rules of Sociological Method
  - The Elementary Forms of Religious Life
  - The Division of Labor in Society
  - Education and Society
- Influence:
  - industrial revolution
  - urbanization
  - French Revolution
- Significance:
  - conducted one of the earliest empirical research studies in sociology
  - was interested in the impact of social structures on individual behavior
  - was one of the first sociologists to study religion
  - found that suicide was related to the social integration of individuals into society
- Theory:
  - structural-functional theory

- Concept (+ feature)
  - collective consciousness
    - shared norms, values, and beliefs of a society
  - organic solidarity
    - complex division of labor
    - most relationships neither intimate nor personal
    - large urban communities
    - mutual dependence
  - social facts
    - regular patterns of behavior characterizing a society
    - beyond the control of individuals
  - mechanical solidarity
    - simple division of labor
    - many relationships intimate and/or personal
    - traditional rural communities
    - social bonds based on shared moral sentiments

## **Graded Responses**

Sample answers with the human grading notated help us test the program and make sure it is making the proper discriminations. We'd like at least 10 and you are encouraged to submit as many as you like.

These should show various models of good, bad, and intermediate answers. Actual essays turned in by students from previous classes with instructor comments and grades attached are most helpful.

## **Source Text**

It's helpful for us to know the resources students will use to answer this question. What textbook are they using? Any other books or coursepacks?