



## NSC Policy Review Memo Rubric

<b>CONCERNS</b> <i>What needs improvement</i>	<b>CRITERIA</b> <i>What is expected</i>	<b>ADVANCED</b> <i>What is excellent</i>
	<b>Subject paragraph</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is brief</li> <li>• Places the issue in the larger context of U.S. foreign policy</li> <li>• Clearly states whether the writer agrees or disagrees with the president's decision</li> </ul>	
	<b>Options and Analysis paragraph</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discusses each option that came up during the role-play in discrete paragraphs</li> <li>• Weighs the advantages and disadvantages of each option</li> <li>• If options from the position memo are discussed, those options contain additional analysis</li> </ul>	
	<b>Recommendation and Justification paragraph</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes a clear recommendation based on the writer's personal position</li> <li>• Supports the recommendation effectively</li> </ul>	
	<b>Reflection paragraph or paragraphs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflects on and critiques the president's decision</li> <li>• Is written from a personal point of view, not that of the assigned role</li> </ul>	