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|  | **Excellent** | **Very good** | **Satisfactory** | **Marginal/Unsatisfactory** |
| **Topic** | The topic is focused, innovative, and appropriate for a short podcast | The topic is clear and appropriate for a short podcast | The topic is discernible but possibly too broad or generic for a short podcast | The topic is barely discernible and much too broad or generic for a short podcast |
| **Narration** | The narration is creative and greatly enhances the podcast | The narration is clear and enhances the podcast | The narration is present and somewhat enhances the podcast | The narration is missing |
| **Interview** | The interview is on-topic, insightful, and greatly enhances the podcast | The interview is on-topic and enhances the podcast | The interview is related to the topic and somewhat enhances the podcast | The interview is missing |
| **Archival audio** | The archival audio is well-chosen and creatively integrated | The archival audio is well-chosen and integrated | The archival audio is reasonably chosen and integrated | The archival audio is missing |
| **Structure** | The podcast is effectively structured, with a clear beginning, middle, and end. It provides a complete and compelling overview of the topic | The podcast is well structured, with a clear beginning, middle, and end. It provides a good overview of the topic | The podcast is reasonably structured, though there may be some problems. It provides a reasonable overview of the topic | The structure is unclear. It does not provide a reasonable overview of the topic |
| **Technical production** | Audio is clear and recorded in a quiet environment. Audio files are the correct volume and are well mixed. Music and/or sound effects enhance the listening experience | Audio is generally clear and recorded in a quiet environment. Audio files are mainly the correct volume and are well mixed. Music and/or sound effects contribute to the listening experience | Audio is generally clear, although may not be well recorded. Audio files may have problems with the volume or mix. Music and/or sound effects are barely or not used | Audio is unclear. There are significant problems with the individual files and the sound mix. Music and/or sound effects are not used |
| **Works cited** | All sources are listed in MLA format, without error | All sources are listed in MLA format, with minor error | Most sources are listed in MLA format, with significant errors | Sources are missing or are not cited in MLA format |