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Your paper must discuss **ALL** of the following questions:

1. What is the main purpose of the paper?"
2. What are the important questions the paper is trying to address?
3. What facts, data, evidence (information) are you using to address the important questions of your paper?
4. What key concepts or theory are you using to address the questions?
5. What are the main inferences/conclusions in this paper?
6. What are the implications that can be drawn from this paper?

Evaluation criteria for the paper:

- You address the question fully (depth and breadth) as possible.
- There is clarity and logic in the organization of the paper.