Rubric for Essay 2: "A Foreigner in a Foreign Land"

Competency Category	1 - Not Yet	2 - Almost There	3 - Adequate	4 - Outstanding
Mechanics	Essay does not meet the standards for the paper as outlined in the syllabus			Essay meets the standards for the paper as outlined in the syllabus
Skillful Execution	Writing style is poor and distracting; disorienting	Writing style communicates, but has some "rough patches"	Writing style is mostly clear and coherent; structuring elements are evident	Writing style is coherent and demonstrates strong command of communication skills; structure is clear
Thesis	No real goal for the essay is evident; narrative wanders	Some goal for the essay does appear, but the essay does not pursue it	Essay has a point; it argues toward a thesis	Essay has a clear goal and the narrative pursues it
Content 1: Specific examples of challenging/ encouraging interaction with foreign cultural values/ boundaries	Essay offers no description of interaction	Examples of interaction are described, but they are limited in some way, contrived, or fail to support the point of the essay	Descriptions of interaction with foreign cultural values/boundaries are mustered	Engaging descriptions appear thoughtful, powerful, and support the point of the essay
Content 2: Future response	Essay suggests little thought has been given to worldview and appropriate future action	Essay suggests some thought has been given to worldview and appropriate future action	Essay suggest fair thought has been given to worldview and appropriate future action	Essay suggests earnest reflection has been given to worldview and appropriate future action

Grade Assignment from total points: 20-18 (A); 17-15 (B); 14-12 (C); 11-8 (D); 7-5 (F)

Grade for Critical Book Review _____ Comments: