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  - Employment history
  - Other publications

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  - Recency?
  - Author(s)?
  - Relevancy?
  - Number?

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- Was the topic easily identifiable?
- Were the key ideas easily identifiable?
- Did the key ideas make sense to you?
- Could you follow the logic from idea presentation to conclusion?
- Did the conclusion make sense to you?
- Was the conclusion well supported by the information given elsewhere in the paper?
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