



## FIN 620 Module Five Short Paper Guidelines and Rubric

**Overview:** For this assignment, you must first complete the textbook reading for this module. You will then explain how the federal government finances and services its outstanding debt and how the federal deficit is a burden on future generations.

**Prompt:** Specifically, the following **critical elements** must be addressed:

- Explain how the federal government **finances and services** its outstanding debt.
- Describe how the federal deficit is a **burden** on the shoulders of future generations.

### Rubric

**Guidelines for Submission:** Your paper should be submitted as a 2- to 3-page Microsoft Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins. Use at least three sources, which should be cited according to APA style.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (90%)	Needs Improvement (70%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
<b>Financing and Servicing Debt</b>	Offers an in-depth explanation and elaboration on how the federal government finances and services its outstanding debt	Explains how the federal government finances and services its outstanding debt	Explains how the federal government finances and services its outstanding debt, but explanation lacks detail, contains gaps, or is illogical	Does not explain how the federal government finances and services its outstanding debt	45
<b>Burden</b>	Offers a well-thought-out response, reaction, or solution; analysis uses evidence from the text and other sources (demonstrates critical thinking beyond the obvious connection)	Describes how the federal deficit is a burden on the shoulders of future generations	Describes how the federal deficit is a burden on the shoulders of future generations, but description lacks detail, contains gaps, or is illogical	Does not describe how the federal deficit is a burden on the shoulders of future generations.	45
<b>Articulation of Response</b>	Submission is free of errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization and is presented in a professional and easy to read format	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that prevent understanding of ideas	10
<b>Total</b>					<b>100%</b>