

Criteria	Exemplary 4-5	Satisfactory 2-3	Needs Improvement 0-1	Score
Algorithm	A definite problem is stated and all aspects of the algorithm/technique to be implemented are clearly described.	The problem to be solved is mentioned, and some aspects of the proposed algorithm are described, but vague issues remain.	The algorithm to be implemented is not described, and the problem to be solved is not clear.	
Background Knowledge	Includes a complete description of what needs to be learned, how it connects to course content, and why it is reasonable.	Some necessary background knowledge is alluded to, but incompletely presented; lacks connections to course content or reasonableness.	No reference to independent background knowledge that must be acquired.	
References	References to materials explaining relevant algorithm details are included and appropriately cited.	References to relevant materials are made, but without complete citations.	Vague or no references to relevant source materials.	
Milestones	Four milestones of appropriate difficulty are clearly described.	Some milestones given or some with insufficient detail or inappropriate difficulty.	Only an overarching goal is stated with no milestones.	
Data	Evaluation data and acquisition method are clearly described. Data difficulty is scaffolded for incremental milestones.	Data sources are vague or acquisition methods are unrealistic. Data scaffolding is vague or incorrect.	Data sources are not mentioned or scaffolding of data difficulty is ignored.	
Evaluation	A clear evaluation methodology is given for each milestone and the project as a whole.	Evaluation method given for whole project but not milestones. Metrics are not clear or comparable.	No metrics for evaluation are given.	
Feasibility	Initial work described clearly with tests/results reported. Reflections on the results clearly integrated with milestones.	Some work performed, but incompletely described and/or unintegrated with other milestones or data.	No initial evaluations reported or other integration.	
Risks	Potential difficulties of each developmental stage are clearly catalogued.	Some risks are mentioned, but potential caveats are missed.	Little to no consideration of risk or difficulty is conveyed.	
Professionalism	Proposal contains a coherent, well-organized narrative with no spelling or grammar errors.	Occasional spelling/grammar errors and/or discontinuous logical structure in proposal.	Rampant spelling/grammar errors in proposal and/or little to no obvious organization.	
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