1. **Review of Commercial Curriculum Paper**  
**Total Points 30:**

Identify a commercially prepared curriculum in a specific content area. Write a 5-page summary paper which includes:

- **Theoretical Underpinnings**
- **Supporting Research**
- **Intended Audience**
- **Materials & Estimated Cost**
- **Professional Development**
- **Teacher Interviews**

Many commercial curriculum materials exist. The purpose of this paper is to review a commercial curriculum that was prepared by a company to be used in schools. You may use something that is already in place at your school, or go to your County’s Curriculum Office and choose a curriculum to study. We will keep a running list of materials so that no duplication will take place. Use the following prompts under each heading to guide your thinking and analysis.

- **Theoretical Underpinnings (8 points)**
  What are the theories used in the creation of these materials?  
  Whose theories and what are they?  
  Are they grounded in behaviorism, constructivism, humanism? Combination?

- **Supporting Research (10 points)**
  Talk about the research that was conducted to support the use of the curriculum?  
  Where did the research take place? In classrooms? In a laboratory? In a classroom like yours?  
  How many research studies were conducted? Many? Few? Who conducted the research?

- **Intended Audience & Materials & Estimated Cost (5 points)**
  For whom was this curriculum created?  
  Do your students match the intended audience?  
  Materials & Estimated Cost  
  What kinds of materials are these?  
  What are the supplemental materials like?  
  Contact a customer service rep and ask how much all of the materials and supplements cost.  
  Are there special materials for English Language Learners?  
  Are there special materials for differentiation?

- **Professional Development & Teacher Interviews (7 points)**
  What types of professional development opportunities are provided for staffs of schools?  
  Is there a cost involved? If so, how much?  
  What do teachers do if they need help or have questions about the materials?  
  **Teacher Interviews**  
  Interview 3 teachers who have used the curriculum and get their opinions about the materials.  
  Ask questions such as:
    - What are the advantages?  
    - What are the disadvantages?  
    - What do you like about the materials?  
    - How would you change the curriculum materials?