

Research Paper Rubric

Name _____

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	20-17	16-14	13-11	10-0
Organization ____ /20	The research paper is 3-5 typed pages, has a clear thesis statement, well-structured paragraphs, and a solid conclusion. The ideas of the essay flow in a logical order.	The research paper is close to appropriate length and stays true to the thesis statement. Some transitions may be missing or paragraphs may seem out of order.	The research paper lacks a clear thesis statement or the ideas don't support the thesis statement. Might be missing a conclusion.	The information wanders from topic to topic with no clear reason.
Grammar/ Spelling ____ /20	The research paper has correct punctuation, spelling and grammar. The research paper uses academic language, and is written in a way that makes it easy to read.	The research paper contains several spelling mistakes or sentences that have poor grammar. The essay contains one or more form of inappropriate language.	Spelling or grammar mistakes make the research paper difficult to understand or the essay contains several forms of inappropriate language.	The research paper contains a significant amount of spelling or grammar mistakes or has inappropriate language.
Information ____ /20	The research paper is informative and entertaining with surprising facts and details that illustrate the thesis. The information is relevant, without needless repetition.	The research paper includes enough factual information to support the thesis.	The information in the research paper is not enough to support a 3-5 page essay or contains some factual errors.	Very few supporting details or a significant amount of incorrect information.
Knowledge and understanding of topic ____ /20	Student makes a claim, provides evidence to support the claim, and demonstrates reasoning. The research paper reflects the students' analysis and interpretation of the topic, and "voice."	The research paper has some language that is similar to another source. Paragraphs present information but only some of the students' analysis.	The research paper only slightly reflects the students' interpretation of the information or has words that are the same as those in another source.	The research paper lists facts about the topic but does not reflect the students' synthesis or the essay is not in the students' words.
Bibliography ____ /20	The bibliography includes at least 5 high quality sources (at least 3 books). The sources are alphabetized and follow the appropriate guidelines.	The bibliography may have only 4 sources or may be not be in the appropriate format.	The bibliography has fewer than 4 sources and is not in the appropriate format.	The bibliography lists only one or two sources and/or does not follow the format.
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