

Research Paper Rubric

Student Name _____

INTRODUCTION

Research subject is clearly identified	1	2	3	4	5
A general overview of the subject/debate is provided	1	2	3	4	5
Thesis is clearly stated	1	2	3	4	5
Major claims are previewed	1	2	3	4	5

BODY

Critical exploration of ideas	1	2	3	4	5
Subdivided into paragraphs containing major claims	1	2	3	4	5
Paragraphs are well developed and remain on topic	1	2	3	4	5
Major claims supported with sufficient and relevant evidence	1	2	3	4	5
Paragraphs include a summary/analysis of evidence	1	2	3	4	5
Paragraphs organized in logical order	1	2	3	4	5
Effective transitions between paragraphs	1	2	3	4	5

CONCLUSION

Conclusion reiterates thesis and major claims	1	2	3	4	5
Conclusion demonstrates application of information	1	2	3		
Conclusion ends on a memorable note	1	2			

GRAMMAR AND LANGUAGE

Paper uses standard English grammar conventions <i>(e.g., S-V agreement, antecedent-pronoun agreement, verb tense agreement, spelling)</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Paper uses proper punctuation <i>(e.g., no run-on sentences or comma splices)</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Paper uses appropriate tone, word choice, and point of view	1	2	3	4	5

SOURCES

Paper uses proper MLA format (min 5 pages, w/o WC page)	1	2	3	4	5
Paper uses a minimum of five academic research sources (80/20 rule*)	1	2	3	4	5
In-text citations adhere to proper MLA format	1	2	3	4	5
Works Cited page adheres to proper MLA format	1	2	3	4	5

(* 80% of material is students/20% of material comes from outside sources)

TOTAL _____