

Research Paper Rubric

(Compliments of Ms. Zanino)

Criteria	Possible Points	Points Earned
Thesis <i>Clearly stated and appropriately focused.</i>	Exceeds Standard – 5 Meets Standard – 4 Approaching Standard – 2 Not Present – 0	
Impact of Argument/Content <i>Argument/Content clearly related to the main topic, included rich supporting details and/or examples.</i>	Exceeds Standard – 20 Meets Standard – 17 Approaching Standard – 10 Not Present – 0	
Organization <i>Information is logically organized with transitioning between paragraphs & ideas.</i>	Exceeds Standard – 20 Meets Standard – 17 Approaching Standard – 10 Not Present – 0	
Paragraph Construction <i>All paragraphs include introductory sentences, explanations or details, and a concluding sentence.</i>	Exceeds Standard – 20 Meets Standard – 17 Approaching Standard – 10 Not Present – 0	
Mechanics <i>No grammatical spelling or punctuation errors observed.</i>	Exceeds Standard – 10 Meets Standard – 7 Approaching Standard – 4 Not Present – 0	
MLA style and Parenthetical Referencing <i>All sources accurately documented in parenthetical references. Formatting of paper according to dictates of assignment.</i>	Exceeds Standard – 15 Meets Standard – 12 Approaching Standard – 7 Not Present – 0	
References <i>Five or more appropriate & reliable sources documented and integrated properly.</i>	Exceeds Standard – 10 Meets Standard – 7 Approaching Standard – 4 Not Present – 0	

Total Points Earned: _____/100