

Research Paper Rubric

Criteria	Possible Points	Points Earned
<p>Intro, Thesis & Conclusion <i>Compelling intro draws reader in. Thesis clearly stated and appropriately focused. Conclusion leaves reader on powerful note.</i></p>	<p>Exceeds Standard – 10 Meets Standard – 7 Approaching Standard – 4 Not Present – 0</p>	
<p>Impact of Argument/Content <i>Argument/Content clearly related to thesis, includes rich supporting details & deep/thoughtful commentary & analysis.</i></p>	<p>Exceeds Standard – 20 Meets Standard – 17 Approaching Standard – 10 Not Present – 0</p>	
<p>Organization <i>Information is logically organized with transitioning between paragraphs & ideas.</i></p>	<p>Exceeds Standard – 20 Meets Standard – 17 Approaching Standard – 10 Not Present – 0</p>	
<p>Paragraph Construction <i>All paragraphs include introductory sentences, explanations or details, and a concluding sentence. Context/Content/Commentary is smoothly integrated.</i></p>	<p>Exceeds Standard – 20 Meets Standard – 17 Approaching Standard – 10 Not Present – 0</p>	
<p>Mechanics <i>No grammatical spelling or punctuation errors observed.</i></p>	<p>Exceeds Standard – 10 Meets Standard – 7 Approaching Standard – 4 Not Present – 0</p>	
<p>MLA style and Parenthetical Referencing <i>All sources accurately documented in parenthetical references. Formatting of paper according to dictates of assignment.</i></p>	<p>Exceeds Standard – 10 Meets Standard – 7 Approaching Standard – 4 Not Present – 0</p>	
<p>References <i>Five or more appropriate & reliable sources documented properly on Works Cited page.</i></p>	<p>Exceeds Standard – 10 Meets Standard – 7 Approaching Standard – 4 Not Present – 0</p>	

Total Points Earned: _____/100