

Suggested Research Paper Grading Rubric

Organization	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	Information is very organized with thesis statement, supporting details and examples. Paper flows smoothly from one idea/topic to another. A well-thought out conclusion neatly ties together all information.		Information is organized with a main idea and supporting details or examples. Topics and ideas are discussed in a logical order. A conclusion which neatly ties together most information.		Information is organized with an attempt at a main idea, but supporting details or examples are not adequate. Paper does not always flow well from one idea to the next. Paper includes a conclusion.		The information appears to be disorganized; no real main idea; no supporting ideas; no real conclusion, paper just ends.	
Quality of Information	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	Information clearly relates to the main topic. It includes several supporting details and/or examples which lend substantial weight to the thesis.		Information clearly relates to the main topic. It provides details and/or examples which help to support the thesis.		Information clearly relates to the main topic. Details and/or examples do not really lend support to the main idea or there is a lack of detail.		Information has little or nothing to do with the main topic.	
Paragraph Construction	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	All paragraphs include introductory sentence, explanations or details, and concluding sentence. Transitions are smooth and easy to follow. Refined sentence structure reflects mature writing style and adds to the clarity of the paper.		Most paragraphs include introductory sentence, explanations or details, and concluding sentence. Sentence structure is developing, but may reflect the need for further refinement. Transitions are easy to follow.		Paragraphs included related information but were typically not constructed well. Transitions are somewhat awkward or forced. Sentence structure is lacking and creates problems with clarity.		Paragraphing structure was not clear and sentences were not typically related within the paragraphs. Sentence structure is in need of considerable refinement.	

Mechanics	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	Virtually no grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors. A title page is included.		A few grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors. A title page is included.		Several grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors. A title page is included.		Many grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors and/or no title page is included.	
Documentation	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	All sources are accurately documented internally and paper includes a works cited page.		Most sources are accurately documented internally and paper includes a works cited page.		Some sources are documented internally and paper includes a works cited page.		No sources are documented internally and/or paper does not include a works cited page.	
Quality and Number of Sources	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	At least 5 required sources used in research process. Best sources available.		One required source not used in research process and/or some better sources are available.		Two or more required sources not used in research process and/or many sources of higher quality are available.		No sources used.	

TOTAL POINTS _____

PERCENTAGE _____/100 (Final grade. 100 pts. possible)

Make sure your paper includes:

- 1) _____ 1 inch margins (You may need to reset the default margin setting on your computer)
- 2) _____ A title page with the title of the paper and your name
- 3) _____ Numbered pages (the title page may or may not be numbered)
- 4) _____ At least X FULL pages of text without illustrations. (You may include RELEVANT pictures or illustrations if you like)
- 5) _____ References cited within the paper
- 6) _____ A SEPARATE works cited page at the end of the paper containing at least 5 quality references