

Research Paper

Student Name: _____ Topic _____

CATEGORY	0	1	2	3	POINTS
Cover page (0-3 pts)	No cover page present.	Cover page is missing 3 or more required elements.	Cover page is missing 1 or 2 required elements; or does not contain a picture related to the topic.	Title page contains a picture related to the topic, has a title, author's name, course, period number and date.	
Requirements (0-3 pts)	Paper meets few or none of the requirements.	Paper does not meet many requirements.	Paper meets most of the requirements.	Paper meets all the requirements: paper length, font style and size, margins and spacing.	
Introduction (0-3 pts)	First paragraph fails to introduce the topic of the paper.	Catchy beginning was attempted but was confusing rather catchy	First paragraph introduces the topic, but not effectively.	First paragraph introduces the topic clearly and effectively.	
Topic x2 (0-6 pts)	Paper does not discuss the topic; most information provided does not relate to the topic.	Paper does not discuss the topic clearly; some information provided does not relate to the topic.	Topic is not clearly discussed although the information in the paper is related to the topic.	The entire paper is about the topic and all the information provided is clearly related to the topic.	
Research x2 (0-6)	No research is evident as the paper presents only general information and/or opinions.	The story presents general information; very little research is evident.	Some research is evident as the story covers the topic; some areas are not discussed in depth.	The paper covers the topic in great detail; thorough research is evident.	
Organization (0-3 pts)	The paper lacks organization, making it difficult to follow; ideas seem to be randomly arranged; very few or no transitions are used.	Some thoughts/statements seem to be out of place; lack of organization and transitions is evident in many areas.	The story is for the most part organized; one or two ideas may seem out of place; transitions are sometimes not clear or missing.	The paper is very well organized; one idea follows another in a logical sequence with clear transitions.	
Accuracy x2 (0-6 pts)	There are many factual errors in the paper; none of facts are supported.	There are several factual errors in the paper; very few facts are supported.	All facts are accurate, but not all of them are supported with actual source or data.	All facts are accurate and supported with actual sources or data.	
Conclusion (0-3 pts)	No conclusion present or is very ineffective as it does not relate to the topic.	Conclusion is very weak and ineffective.	Conclusion relates to the topic discussed, but is not very effective.	Conclusion effective and clearly relates to the topic discussed.	
Citing (0-3 pts)	None of the information from other sources is identified within text using parenthetical citing.	Some information from other sources is not identified or is identified within text using parenthetical citing, but not in MLA format.	All information from other sources is identified with parenthetical citing, but not always in correct MLA format.	All information from other sources is correctly identified using parenthetical citing in MLA format.	
Bibliography (0-3 pts)	Bibliography is not present.	Bibliography is present, but no attempt in using MLA format.	A separate page is used for bibliography; at least 3 references are listed; an attempt to use MLA format, but there are some errors.	A separate page is used for bibliography; all the references are listed alphabetically and in correct MLA format.	
Grammar (0-3 pts)	There are so many spelling and/or punctuation errors that they distract from reading.	There are many (7-10) spelling and/or punctuation errors.	There are some (3-6) spelling and/or punctuation errors.	There are none or no more than 2 spelling and/or punctuation errors.	
Originality (0-3pts)	Originality report score is over 45%	Originality report score is between 30 and 45%	Originality report score is between 15 and 30%	Originality report score is less than 15%	
TOTAL					

