

Research Paper Rubric

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____

Category	Exceeds Standard (4)	Meets Standard (3)	Nearly Meets Standard (2)	Does Not Meet Standard (1)	No Evidence (0)	Score
Title Page	Title Your Name, Teacher's Name, Course Period, Date, Neatly finished-no errors	Evidence of four	Evidence of 3	Evidence of 2 or less	Absent	
Abstract	Clearly and concisely states the paper's purpose in a short paragraph.	Clearly states the paper's purpose but lacks concision.	Somewhat unclear abstract.	Incomplete and/or unfocused.	Absent, no evidence	
Introduction	The introduction is engaging, reviews the literature and demonstrates a gap in knowledge.	The introduction reviews the literature and demonstrates a gap in knowledge.	The introduction reviews the literature and but does not demonstrate a gap in knowledge	There is no clear introduction to the topic through review or gaps in knowledge.	Absent, no evidence	
Body	Each paragraph follows the follow (transition) + key idea + development of key idea	Paragraphs involve more than one key idea.	Each paragraph lacks supporting detail sentences.	Many paragraphs fail to develop a key idea.	Not applicable	
Organization- Structural Development of the Idea	Writer demonstrates logical and well sequencing of key sentences; transitions are used to enhance organization.	Well organized, but choppy and lacking flow.	Mostly logical organization; organization of ideas not fully developed.	No evidence of structure or organization.	Not applicable	
Conclusion	The conclusion is engaging and restates the findings.	The conclusion restates the findings.	The conclusion does not adequately restate findings.	Incomplete and/or unfocused.	Absent	
Mechanics	No errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Almost no errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Many errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Numerous and distracting errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Not applicable	
Usage	No errors sentence structure and word usage.	Almost no errors in sentence structure and word usage.	Many errors in sentence structure and word usage.	Numerous and distracting errors in sentence structure and word usage.	Not applicable	
Citation	All cited works, both text and visual, are done in the correct format with no errors.	Some cited works, both text and visual, are done in the correct format. Inconsistencies evident.	Few cited works, both text and visual, are done in the correct format.	Absent	Not applicable	
Bibliography	Done in the correct format with no errors. Includes more than 5 major references (e.g. science journal articles, books, but no more than two internet sites. Periodicals available on-line are not considered internet sites)	Done in the correct format with few errors. . Includes 5 major references (e.g. science journal articles, books, but no more than two internet sites. Periodicals available on-line are not considered internet).	Done in the correct format with some errors. Includes 4 major references (e.g. science journal articles, books, but no more than two internet sites. Periodicals available on-line are not considered internet).	Done in the correct format with many errors. Includes 3 major references (e.g. science journal articles, books, but no more than two internet sites. Periodicals available on-line are not considered internet sites.)	Absent or the only sites are internet sites.	