

Research Paper Rubric

Category	5 points	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point
	Exceeds Standard	Meets Standard	Nearly Meets Standard	Does not meet Standard	No Evidence
Identification	Title, Name, Instructors Name, Date, Neatly finished with no errors	Evidence of four	Evidence of three	Evidence of two or less	Absent
Thesis Statement	Clearly and concisely states the paper's purpose in a single sentence, which is engaging, and thought provoking	Clearly states the paper's purpose in a single sentence	States the paper's purpose in a single sentence.	Incomplete and/or unfocused	Absent, no evidence
Introduction	The introduction is engaging, states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper.	The introduction states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper.	The introduction states the main topic but does not adequately preview the structure of the paper.	There is no clear introduction or main topic and the structure of the paper is missing.	Absent, no evidence
Body	Each paragraph has thoughtful supporting detail sentences that develop the main idea	Each paragraph has sufficient supporting detail sentences that develop the main idea.	Each paragraph lacks supporting detail sentences.	Each paragraph fails to develop the main idea	Not applicable
Organization-Structural Development of the Idea	Writer demonstrates logical and subtle sequencing of ideas through well-developed paragraphs; transitions are used to enhance organization.	Paragraph development present but not perfected.	logical organization; organization of ideas not fully developed.	No evidence of structure or organization.	Not applicable
Conclusion	The conclusion is engaging and restates the thesis	The conclusion restates the thesis.	The conclusion does not adequately restate the thesis.	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 in 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, Includes more than 5 major references. No more than two internet sites.	Done in the correct format with a few errors. Includes 5 major references. No more than two internet sites.	Done in the correct format with a some errors. Includes 5 major references. No more than two internet sites.	Done in the correct format with a many errors. Includes 3 major references. No more than two internet sites.	Absent or less than three references.