

Research Paper Rubric			Student:			
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	4	3	2	1	Points Earned	Points Possible
Content	The research paper is fully developed. It contains well-chosen reasons, details, and/or facts that strongly support the topic using multiple sources.	The research paper is mostly developed. It contains some reasons, details, and/or facts that come from the required number of sources for the assignment.	The research paper is partially developed. More reasons, details, and/or facts are needed to clarify the topic, or the reasons, details, and/or facts are confusing. More types of sources should be used.	The research paper is minimally developed. Reasons, details and/or facts are unclear and may need to be narrowed or expanded. The report needs to show the research that was completed.		4
Organization	The research paper is well organized. The introduction is interesting. The body supports the focus. The conclusion works well.	The research paper is divided into an introduction, a body, and a conclusion.	The introduction, body and/or conclusion need more development.	The introduction, body, and conclusion run together.		4
Voice	The voice sounds confident, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic.	The voice sounds well-informed most of the time.	The voice sounds unsure.	The voice can not be heard.		4
Word Choice	The word choice makes the research paper extremely clear, informative, and fun to read.	The word choice makes the research paper informative. Unfamiliar terms are defined.	Too many general words are used. Specific nouns and verbs are needed. Some words need to be defined.	There are too many general or missing words that make this essay hard to understand.		4
Mechanics	Punctuation and grammar are correct. The spelling is correct.	The essay has a few minor errors in punctuation, spelling, and grammar.	The essay has several errors in punctuation, spelling, or grammar causing confusion.	Many errors make the essay confusing and hard to read. Help is needed to make corrections.		4
Sources	Used three or more sources.	Used two sources.	Used one source.	No sources used.		4
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