

RESEARCH PAPER GRADING RUBRIC

Criteria/Categories		Indicators/Levels			
Score		5	4	3-2	1
Abstract and Introduction _____ x 5 =	/25	Introduction should be clear with a preview of the main points	Good introductory statement, but the preview of the main points is lacking	Introductory statement is vague and main points are unclear	Issue not clear and preview of the main points is incomplete
Main Points and Sub Points _____ x 20 =	/100	Main points are clearly stated and developed; specific examples/supporting points are appropriate and clearly developed; smooth transitions and well organized.	Main points are clearly stated but development of examples/supporting points are lacking; smooth transitions between points.	Main points are not clear. Audience has difficulty following presentation because student jumps around. Examples/supporting points are appropriate but need elaboration or are not well thought out.	Main points are not clear, Audience cannot understand presentation because there is no sequence of information. Examples/supporting points are inappropriate for issue.
Conclusion _____ x 5 =	/25	Well-thought out concluding statement that summarizes main points well.	Well-thought out concluding statement but does not summarize main points well.	Does not have a well-thought out concluding statement, but summarizes main points well.	Has neither a well-thought out concluding statement nor summarizes main points well.
Spelling, grammar and punctuation _____ x 6 =	/30	No more than two errors in any of these categories combined	No more than eight errors in any of these categories combined	Eight to twenty errors in these categories combined.	More than twenty errors in these categories combined.
Summary _____ x 4 =	/20	Very interesting question. Evidence that student has put a great amount of thought into the subject.	A rather interesting and challenging work, but student doesn't show much excitement in the subject matter.	Satisfactory work, but does not engage the reader	Lack of writing skills seen by the quality of work. The concept was clearly not well thought out.