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Research Paper Rubric

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Resources Cited	Quality and types of sources enhance topic. An extensive variety of sources relevant, accurate and reliable to the thesis expand ideas and give credibility to the research. Lists and cites sources using MLA format. Paper includes (your number of pages x2) quotes [W-10-6.5]	Includes required number and types of sources for researching topic. Sources cited in the body of the paper are relevant, accurate and reliable. Lists and cites sources using MLA format. Paper includes (your number of pages x2) quotes [W-10-6.5]		Number and/or types of sources are nearly sufficient for researching topic. Few sources cited in the body are relevant, accurate or reliable. Lists and cites sources using MLA format. Paper includes (your number of pages x2) quotes [W-10-6.5]	Significantly insufficient number and/or types of sources used for researching topic. Most sources cited in body of paper are missing and/ or irrelevant and/ or unreliable. Lists and cites sources using MLA format. Paper includes (your number of pages x2) quotes [W-10-6.5]	
Purpose and idea development	Effectively conveys purpose by establishing a topic through selecting and using formal, informal, literary, and/or technical language appropriate to the audience and context [W-12-7.1; W-12-7.3]	Effectively conveys purpose by establishing a topic appropriate to the audience [W-10-7.1; W-10-7.3]		Attempts to establish a topic; however, it is not developed (e.g., may simply state what is common knowledge or is too broad an issue to address) [W-10-7.1; W-10-7.3]	States a topic, but lacks purpose and/or development. [W-10-7.1; W-10-7.3]	
Evidence	Includes facts and details that specifically address readers concerns with significant depth of information to support conclusions with evidence with appropriate quotes.[W-12-8.2; R-12-15.4]	Includes sufficient details or facts for appropriate depth of information to support conclusions with evidence with appropriate quotes [W-10-8.2; R-10-15.4]		Includes some facts/details to support ideas presented with minimal quotes. [W-12-8.2; R-12-15.4]	Includes little or no facts/ details to support ideas presented without quotes. [W-12-8.2; R-12-15.4]	
Analysis & Synthesis of Information	Analysis/ interpretation of information presented, is compelling while relevant/valid/ credible to the purpose, thesis, and audience.[R12-15.2; W-12-8.1]	Analysis/ interpretation of information presented, is accurate, complete and relevant to purpose, thesis, and audience. [R10-15.2; W-10-8.1]		Analysis/ interpretation of information is not entirely accurate, complete, and/or relevant to purpose, thesis, and audience. [R10-15.2; W-10-8.1]	Analysis/ interpretation of information is mostly inaccurate, incomplete, and/ or irrelevant to purpose, thesis, and audience. [R10-15.2; W-10-8.1]	

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Organization [W-6]	Paragraphs contain one clear, main idea and all of the information in that paragraph supports that idea. Transitions are often used to connect one idea to the next.	Paragraphs contain one clear, main idea and all of the information in that paragraph supports that idea.		Some paragraphs may contain more than one main idea. Supporting evidence does not always support the main idea of the paragraph.	The paragraphs are not properly organized, and it is difficult to tell what the main idea is in each paragraph.	
Language [W-10]	Language used is appropriate and especially clear. You have an excellent vocabulary.	All of the language is appropriate for an academic paper.		Some of the language is not appropriate for an academic paper.	The language is not appropriate for an academic paper.	
Grammar [W-9]	Demonstrates control of usage, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling [W-12-9.1, W-12-9.2; W-12-9.4; W-12-9.5]	Demonstrates control of usage, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. Occasional errors do not interfere with meaning [W-10-9.1, W-10-9.2; W-10-9.4; W-10-9.5]		Demonstrates some control of usage, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. Errors begin to interfere with meaning.	Demonstrates little control of usage, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. q Numerous errors interfere with meaning.	
Format	Your paper perfectly follows proper MLA format for in-text citations and works cited.	Your paper may contain a few errors in MLA format, but most of the citations are well done.		Your paper attempts to follow MLA format, but there are several mistakes in format of in-text citations or works cited.	Your paper does not properly follow MLA format.	

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