

Research Essay Writing Evaluation Tool

	4	3	2	1	Points
Grammar and Mechanics	Essay shows correct use of grammar, punctuation, and capitalization with fewer than 3 spelling errors.	Essay shows good use of grammar, punctuation, and capitalization throughout the writing piece with 3-5 errors.	Essay shows some use of grammar, punctuation, and capitalization. The flow of the writing piece is interrupted due to the errors.	Essay includes many errors with the use of grammar, punctuation, and capitalization.	
References	Use of references indicates substantial research and proper MLA citation is used with no errors.	Use of references indicates ample research to prove point. Proper MLA citation is used with 2-3 errors.	Some references are used. MLA citation is used with many errors.	Inadequate use of references. No citation is included in paper.	
Content: Introduction	The introduction captures the attention of the reader with a unique writing technique and the main idea is clearly developed.	The introduction attempts to use a unique writing technique and states the main idea of the essay.	The introduction is not fully developed.	There is no evidence of an introduction.	
Content: Main Idea and Supporting Details	The topic or subject is clearly stated in each of the 5 paragraphs. Supporting sentences provide details about the topic in each paragraph.	The topics are generally stated in each paragraph. Some supporting sentences are included in each paragraph.	The topics are vague and hard to determine. The supporting details are weak.	Topic is unclear or confusing. Supporting sentences are unrelated or poorly written.	
Content: Conclusion	The conclusion clearly restates the main idea and wraps up the essay.	The conclusion restates the main idea and somewhat wraps up the essay.	The conclusion does not clearly restate the main idea.	There is no wrap up or restatement of the main idea.	

Total Points ____/20

Average _____