

Research Essay Rubric

	4	3	2	1	Points
Introduction	The introduction captured the attention of the reader and used a unique writing technique.	The introduction attempted to use a unique writing technique.	The introduction was not very interesting.	There was no evidence of an introduction.	
Topic Sentences	There were good, clear topic sentences in each paragraph.	There were topic sentences in each paragraph.	One topic sentence was missing.	There were several topic sentences missing.	
Main Idea	The topic or subject was clearly stated. Supporting sentences provided good details about the topic.	The topic or subject was generally stated. Some of the supporting details were off topic.	The topic or subject was vague and hard to determine. The supporting details were weak.	The topic or subject was unclear or confusing. Supporting sentences were unrelated or poorly written.	
Conclusion	The conclusion wrapped up the three main points and brought the paper to an end.	The conclusion did not wrap up all three main points.	The conclusion did not wrap up any of the main points.	There was no conclusion.	
Spelling and Grammar	Correct use of grammar, punctuation, and capitalization. Fewer than three spelling errors.	1-3 examples of incorrect grammar, capitalization, and punctuation. Fewer than 5 spelling errors.	4-6 examples of incorrect grammar, capitalization, and punctuation. Fewer than 8 spelling errors.	Some examples of capitalization and punctuation. 14 or more spelling errors. 10-12 grammatical errors.	
Reference	Use of references indicated substantial research and proper MLA citation was used with no errors.	Use of references indicated ample research. Proper MLA citation was used with 2-3 errors.	Some references were used. MLA citation was used with many errors.	Inadequate use of references. No citation was included in the paper.	

Total Points
 ____/24
Average
