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### Research Paper Rubric

Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Category	Exceeds Expectation - A	Meets Standards - B	Nearly Meets Standards - C	Does Not Meet Standard - D
<b>Thesis Statement</b>	Clearly and concisely states the paper's purpose in a single sentence, which is engaging, and thought provoking.	Clearly states the paper's purpose in a single sentence.	States the paper's purpose in a single sentence.	Incomplete and /or unfocused.
<b>Introduction</b>	The introduction is engaging, states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper	The introduction states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper.	The introduction states the main topic but does not adequately preview the structure of the paper	There is no clear introduction or main topic and the structure of the paper is missing.
<b>Body</b>	Each paragraph has thoughtful supporting detail sentences that develop the main idea. Number of pages 9 -10.	Each paragraph has sufficient supporting detail sentences that develop the main idea. Number of pages 7 - 8.	Each paragraph lacks supporting detail sentences. Number of pages 5 - 6	Each paragraph fails to develop the main idea. Number of pages 4.
<b>Organization-Structural Development of the Idea</b>	Writer demonstrates logical and subtle sequencing of ideas through well-developed paragraphs; transitions are used to enhance organization.	Paragraph development presents but not perfected.	Logical organization; organization of ideas not fully developed.	No evidence of structure or organization.
<b>Conclusion</b>	The conclusion is engaging and restates the thesis.	The conclusion restates the thesis.	The conclusion does not adequately restate the thesis.	Incomplete and/or unfocused.
<b>Mechanics</b>	No errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Almost no errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling	Many errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Numerous and distracting errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.
<b>Usage</b>	No errors in structure or word usage.	Almost no errors in sentence structure and word usage.	Many errors in sentence structure and word usage.	Numerous and distracting errors in sentence structure and word usage.
<b>Citation</b>	All cited works, both text and visual, are done in the correct format with no errors.	Some cited works, both text and visual, are done in the correct format. Inconsistencies evident.	Few cited works, both text and visual, are done in the correct format.	Absent