

Research Paper Rubric

Student Name: _____ Teacher Name: Holdren

Yes Test: You must receive all “yeses” for your paper to be scored. Any “no” will stop the process.

Yes	No	Basic Requirement
		1. Paper typed
		2. Thesis clearly stated in intro and referenced in the conclusion
		3. Correct documentation style used in text
		4. Citing evident
		5. Minimum 3 sources (and a variety of types)
		6. Works Cited/Bibliography or References accurate and correctly formatted
		7. Paper written in 3 rd person
		8. Paper meets minimum length standard (3-4 pages, excluding title and Works Cited/Bibliography or References)
		9. Evidence of consistent and conscientious editing

- 4—Clearly a knowledgeable, practiced, skilled pattern**
3—Evidence of a developing pattern
2—Superficial, random, limited consistencies
1—Unacceptable skill application

Use of Sources

Skill application demonstrates use which represents →	4	3	2	1
Researched information appropriately documented				
Enough outside information to clearly represent a research process				
Demonstrates use of paraphrasing, direct, and indirect quotations				
Information connects to the thesis				
Sources on Works Cited/Bibliography or References accurately match sources cited within the text				

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Content/Organization

Skill application demonstrates use which represents →	4	3	2	1
Introduction engaging and clearly defines thesis				
Thesis is challenging and focused				
Content connecting to thesis is clarifying, exploring, explaining, developing				
Text organization flows sensibly and smoothly				
Each paragraph corresponds to introduction				
Conclusion thoughtful, engaging, and clear				

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Mechanics/Usage/Spelling/Format

Skill application demonstrates use which represents →	4	3	2	1
Pagination (top right following last name)				
12 point Times New Roman font and appropriate margins				
Usage/Grammar				
Correct paraphrasing				
Written in formal style				

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Information Literacy

Skill application demonstrates use which represents →	4	3	2	1
Consistent Format (MLA)				
Evidence of thorough research (sources represent variety and types)				
Documentation demonstrates conscientious application of citing ethics				
Evidence of sorting and selecting appropriate material				
Evidence of importance of author’s credibility and validity				
4 citations per page of text				
Research information goes beyond surface information				

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Comments on back.

Total Score: _____/92 **Total Percentage:** _____%

Yes Test: Final Packet Elements Met –

Yes	No	Basic Requirement
	-5	1. Final Draft in a large Manila envelope
	-10	2. Rough Draft included in packet
	-10	3. Notecards included in packet
	-5	4. Source cards included in packet
	-5	5. Name in top right corner of brown envelope
	-10	6. Outline attached to final copy