

Research Paper Rubric and Checklist

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

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 is typed
		2. Thesis is clearly stated in intro and referenced in the conclusion
		3. Correct MLA style in-text citations
		4. No plagiarism
		5. Minimum of 4 sources (a variety of types)
		6. Works Cited/Bibliography is accurate and correctly formatted
		7. Paper is written in 3 rd person; content not personal, non-biased research
		8. Paper meets minimum length standard (minimum of 4 pages, excluding title page and Works Cited/Bibliography)
		9. Evidence of consistent and conscientious editing of content and grammar

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
Engaging introduction and clearly defined thesis				
Thesis is challenging and focused				
Topic/issue is clearly and accurately defined				
Content connecting to thesis is clarifying, exploring, explaining, developing				
Text organization flows sensibly and smoothly				
Mixture of personal voice interwoven with research (commentary)				
Conclusion thoughtful, engaging, and clear				

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Mechanics/Usage/Spelling/Format:

Skill application demonstrates use which represents →	4	3	2	1
Pagination/Header (top right following last name)				
12 point Times New Roman font and appropriate margins				
Usage/Grammar				
Correct paragraphing				
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				
Research offers non-biased, fair research perspective from which a conclusion is drawn				
Research information goes beyond surface information				

****Comments on Back**

***rubric adapted from: <http://www.mhs-pa.org/content/7922/data.pdf>*

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TOTAL SCORE: _____/96 (+ 4 points for timely submission) = 100

TOTAL PERCENTAGE: _____/100