



Rubric for Research Papers

Title of Research Paper _____

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Performance Element	Distinguished ____ Points	Proficient ____ Points	Intermediate ____ Points	Novice ____ Points	Possible	Score
Purpose and Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes and maintains clear focus; evidence of distinctive voice and/or appropriate tone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focused on a purpose; evidence of voice and/or suitable tone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An attempt to establish and maintain purpose and communicate with the audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited awareness of audience and/or purpose 		
Development of Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depth and complexity of ideas supported by rich, engaging, and/or pertinent details; evidence of analysis, reflection and insight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depth of idea development supported by elaborated, relevant details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unelaborated idea development; unelaborated and/or repetitious details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal idea development, limited and/or unrelated details 		
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of references indicate substantial research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of references indicate ample research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some references 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few references 		
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careful and/or suitable organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logical organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lapses in focus and/or coherence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Random or weak organization 		
Sentence Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variety of sentence structure and length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlled and varied sentence structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simplistic and/or awkward sentence structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorrect or lack of topic and/or ineffective wording and/or sentence structure 		
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precise and/or rich language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptable, effective language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simplistic and/or imprecise language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorrect and/or ineffective wording and/or sentence structure 		
Grammar and Formatting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control of surface features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few errors in grammar or format relative to length and complexity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some errors in grammar and/or format that do not interfere with communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Errors in grammar and format (e.g., spelling, punctuation, capitalization, headings) 		
Total Points						