



## Rubric for Research Papers

Title of Research Paper \_\_\_\_\_

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