

# Research Paper Rubric

# Reading Grades

## Use three sources and at least one print source

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5 ----- 6 ----- 7 ----- 8 ----- 9 ----- 10  
*Uses no sources*                      *Only one source*                      *Only two Sources*                      *Three sources (no book)*                      *Nicely done*

## Cite your sources at the end of each paragraph

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5 ----- 6 ----- 7 ----- 8 ----- 9 ----- 10  
*No attempt to cite sources*                      *Some attempts to cite sources*                      *Consistently cites sources*

## Paraphrase, summarize, and quote to avoid plagiarism

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5 ----- 6 ----- 7 ----- 8 ----- 9 ----- 10  
*Cut and pasted from websites*                      *Some attempts to avoid plagiarism*                      *Uses your own voice throughout*

## Demonstrate an understanding of your topic

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5 ----- 6 ----- 7 ----- 8 ----- 9 ----- 10  
*Does not understand the topic*                      *Demonstrates a limited understanding of the topic*                      *Excellent understanding*

## Create a correctly formatted "Works Cited" page in MLA style

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5 ----- 6 ----- 7 ----- 8 ----- 9 ----- 10  
*No Works Cited page*                      *Incorrectly formatted Works Cited page*                      *Nicely done*

## Type a 3-5 page double-spaced research paper

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5 ----- 6 ----- 7 ----- 8 ----- 9 ----- 10  
*One to two pages*                      *Two to three pages*                      *Three to five pages*

Total \_\_\_\_\_ / 60

Reading Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

# Writing Grades

## Begin the introduction with an attention catcher

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5 ----- 6 ----- 7 ----- 8 ----- 9 ----- 10  
*Did not attempt to use an introduction or attention catcher*                      *Missing attention catcher*                      *Great introduction*

## Organize information into main points

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5 ----- 6 ----- 7 ----- 8 ----- 9 ----- 10  
*No attempt to create main points*                      *Some attempt to create main points*                      *Clear main points*

## Use topic sentences to begin each paragraph

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5 ----- 6 ----- 7 ----- 8 ----- 9 ----- 10  
*No attempt to use topic sentences*                      *Limited attempts*                      *First sentence of each paragraph explains what it will be about*

## Create a properly formatted header

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5 ----- 6 ----- 7 ----- 8 ----- 9 ----- 10  
*No header*                      *Many Errors*                      *Minor Errors*                      *Correctly Formatted*

## Use 12 point Arial, Times New Roman, or Courier New font

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5 ----- 6 ----- 7 ----- 8 ----- 9 ----- 10  
*Used larger font or restricted font*                      *Used appropriate font, size, and color*

## Set Margins to one inch

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5 ----- 6 ----- 7 ----- 8 ----- 9 ----- 10  
*Margins are inappropriately set*                      *Margins are off by a quarter inch*                      *One inch margins*

## Avoid punctuation and grammar errors

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5 ----- 6 ----- 7 ----- 8 ----- 9 ----- 10  
*Errors frequently interfere with the meaning*                      *Errors distract from the content*                      *Few Errors*                      *Superb*

Total \_\_\_\_\_ / 60

Writing Grade: \_\_\_\_\_