

### Research Paper Rubric

Total Points	Evaluation Criteria	Distinguished 4	Effective 3	Insufficient 2	Unsatisfactory 1	No Submission 0
	Content	Presents skillful, insightful, focused thesis statement	Presents thesis Statement with effective insight and focus	Presents thesis statement with minimal insight and focus	Presents no thesis statement or one with no insight and focus	No Paper Submitted
		Exemplary synthesis of ideas, providing multiple perspectives that draw strong and clear connections between thesis and related ideas	Effective synthesis of ideas, providing multiple perspectives that draw connections between thesis and related ideas	Effective synthesis of ideas, providing limited perspectives that draw insufficient connections between thesis and related ideas	Does not synthesize ideas, or provide multiple perspectives, shows limited understanding of connections between thesis and related ideas	
		Demonstrates exceptional selection of supporting information, including a primary source, clearly relevant to thesis and related ideas	Demonstrates effective selection of supporting information, including a primary source, clearly relevant to thesis and related ideas	Demonstrates selection of supporting information, including a primary source, relevant to thesis and related ideas	Minimal use of supporting information relevant to thesis and related ideas <i>May not include primary source</i>	
		Masterfully balances use of quotations and student paraphrasing	Effectively balances use of quotations and student paraphrasing	Insufficiently balances use of quotations and student paraphrasing	Does not incorporate use of quotations and student paraphrasing	
		Demonstrates flawless use of prescribed format (MLA, APA) including pagination, citations, primary and secondary sources	Demonstrates effective use of prescribed format (MLA, APA) including pagination, citations, primary and secondary sources	Demonstrates flawed use of prescribed format (MLA, APA) including pagination, citations, primary and secondary sources	Does not use prescribed format (MLA, APA) Does not include Works Cited page or cite resources within text	
		Seamlessly integrates student-generated visuals (charts, diagrams, pictures, etc.) to enhance and emphasize important content	Effectively integrates student-generated visuals (charts, diagrams, pictures, etc.) to emphasize important content	Integrates student-generated visuals (charts, diagrams, pictures, etc.) to emphasize content	Does not include student-generated visuals (charts, diagrams, pictures, etc.) to clarify content	
	Conventions	Exhibits masterful use of language, including skillful word choice, clarity, consistent voice, and effective compositional choices that convey specific meaning	Exhibits good use of language, including intentional word choice, clarity, consistent voice, and effective compositional choices that convey specific meaning	Exhibits ineffective use of language, including weak word choice, limited clarity, inconsistent voice, and ineffective compositional choices	Exhibits flawed use of language, including poor word choice, confusing ideas, no voice, and lack of compositional choices	
		Masterfully uses standard writing conventions in grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and usage to enhance meaning	Effectively uses standard writing conventions in grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and usage to enhance meaning	Minimally uses standard writing conventions in grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and usage to enhance meaning	Does not use standard writing conventions effectively in grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and usage	
<b>Total Points</b>	Each dimension can receive between 1-4 points. The maximum score for a Distinguished level paper is 32. The minimum score for a submitted paper is 8. Papers can receive a combination of points from all categories. If students do not submit a paper, they may receive a score of 0.					

Point Total	Numerical Conversion
32	100
31	98
30	96
29	94
28	93
27	91
26	89
25	87
24	85
23	84
22	83
21	82
20	81
19	80
18	79
17	78
16	77
15	75
14	74
13	72
12	70
11	66
10	63
8	60
0	0