

English 3201 Research Paper Guidelines/Rubric

Student Name: _____

Topic/Title: _____

Research content (minimum 1000 words) (20)

Clear thesis statement (5)

Thesis Support: relevant, strong, engaging supporting detail (10)

Voice: expressive, engaging, honest and sincere voice (5)

Sentence Fluidity: fluid sentences, coherence, effective sentence pattern (5)

Citations (5)

Correct format of (minimum) 5 in-text citations

Reference Page (5)

Correct format for a minimum of 5 sources

Writing Style (Formal style, *obvs.* :-/) (15)

Organization: engaging introduction, conclusion and body paragraphs (6)

Diction: precise, carefully chosen words befitting a Grade 12 lexicon. (6)

Proper Format: 12 pt. Calibri, Arial, or Times New Roman font, double spaced,
cover page with creative title (3)

Conventions (5)

(Age appropriate, neat, proper spelling, grammar and punctuation, etc.)

A not-so-gentle reminder:

Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty. Any evidence of plagiarism may result in both academic and disciplinary consequences. In order to avoid falling into such an academically immoral abyss, I suggest you do your own work (you'll learn from it, I promise!), and be sure to paraphrase, precis, or quote directly EVERY source of information from which you have gleaned your conclusions. It is always better to err on the side of caution and cite every source of information. Academics the world over will thank you for the recognition.

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