

Rubric for The Research Paper

Directions: After identifying and researching a controversial issue related to an idea or theme in the text, write a research paper exploring the complexities of the issue and accurately documenting the resources used in the paper.

Ideas and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The paper is clear and focused. • The writer clearly states the issue. • The writer gives a concise history of the issue: why it was and continues to be important. • The writer includes accurate, precise information that presents the complexities of the issue. • The writer uses relevant details drawn from a variety of credible sources. 	1 2 3 4 5
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The writer explores the issue in a logical, easy-to-follow format. • The writer engages the reader with a compelling introduction to the issue. • The writer uses thoughtful transitions to connect the ideas presented. 	1 2 3 4 5
Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The writer establishes a tone and voice that are appropriate for the purpose and audience. • The writer establishes a tone that reflects the writer’s strong commitment to the issue. 	1 2 3 4 5
Diction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The writer chooses words that are precise and appropriate for the audience and the issue presented. • The writer uses language that is natural, engaging, and, where appropriate, striking. 	1 2 3 4 5
Syntax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The writer varies sentences in both structure and length. • The writer smoothly incorporates details and quotations to develop the main ideas. 	1 2 3 4 5
Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The writer uses text features to identify the various components of the paper. • The writer documents sources accurately, parenthetically citing sources following MLA guidelines. 	1 2 3 4 5

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