Rubric for The Research Paper

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The research paper itself is out of 350 possible points. Prior to handing it in, it is advised that you refer to this rubric to make sure you meet all the requirements and meet them with aplomb.

**SECTION 1: MLA FORMAT AND GRAMMAR/SYNTAX (225 POINTS)**

\_\_\_\_\_\_/40 points Is your works cited page properly completed? Are your sources varied and RELIABLE? Is it a strong

collection of supporting documents?

\_\_\_\_\_\_/40 points Are your parenthetical citations properly spaced and varied throughout and **used**

**correctly**? Approximately four per paragraph from varied and valued sources

AND ARE THERE ENOUGH? Have you expertly woven them into the paper with sophistication?

\_\_\_\_\_\_/15 points Do you have connecter/clincher lines at the end of paragraphs connecting the

paper back to the thesis on a continual basis?

\_\_\_\_\_\_/15 points Have you done a good job knowing when to paraphrase and when to direct quote?

\_\_\_\_\_\_/15 points Does the paper have voice and continuity or is it choppy? Is it a well

written document? **Are there good transitions between citations/critics?**

\_\_\_\_\_\_/20 points Is your grammar clean? Is the paper free of silly syntax/grammatical mistakes?

\_\_\_\_\_\_/10 points Do you use proper headers? Is the title and first page done correctly?

\_\_\_\_\_\_/10 points Have you used a long direct quote to your advantage? It’s not there just to meet a

requirement, is it? Have you used the “qtd in” style a few times?

\_\_\_\_\_\_/50 points Does it appear that you looked over, studied and digested the MLA/Research Paper

handbook? Or does it appear that you skimmed it over and didn’t take the time to

become familiar with nuance of MLA construction? **NOTE: THIS CATEGORY IS WHAT**

**SEPARATES AN “A” PAPER FROM SOMETHING LESS THAN THAT.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_**10 points Have you handed in the paper with: this rubric stapled after the works cited page, the

“yes” test, your notecards and bibliography cards, the draft, the final copy…all in a

ziplocked plastic bag?

**SECTION 2: BODY/PROVING YOUR POINT (125 POINTS)**

\_\_\_\_\_\_/75 points Is this a thesis driven paper and have you proven it? ? Is the entire paper connected back to your main focus?

\_\_\_\_\_\_/50 points Have you done a good job putting together expert sources in order to prove the

under and overlying point of the piece? Have you fashioned a convincing argument as

a result?

**Your totals: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/225 points MLA and format issues**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/125 points Body of the piece and proving your argument**

**TOTAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/350 POINTS YOUR PAPER**