

8th Grade Research Paper Rubric

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Focus (20 Marks)	Argument is clearly stated or implied and highly engages the reader. Each paragraph has a purpose and supports the argument.	Argument is clearly stated or implied. Most paragraphs have a purpose and support the argument	Argument is not clearly stated or implied. Paragraphs vaguely support the argument.	There is no argument and no understanding of connection between the paragraphs and related ideas.
Organization (10 Marks)	Exhibits logical progression of ideas and/or events and skillfully uses transitions between ideas.	Exhibits logical progression of ideas, although there <i>may</i> be minor weaknesses. Transitions adequately connect ideas.	Exhibits major lapses in the logical progression of ideas, and transitions are inconsistent or ineffective.	Ideas and/or events are presented in a random fashion with little or no connections between ideas.
Support & Elaboration (10 marks)	Demonstrates exceptional selection of supporting information clearly relevant to the thesis within the minimum 750 to 1000 word requirement.	Demonstrates sufficient selection of supporting information clearly relevant to the thesis within the minimum 750 to 1000 word requirement	Demonstrates insufficient selection of supporting information clearly relevant to the thesis OR paper does not meet the 750 to 1000 word requirement.	Lacks supporting information clearly relevant to thesis and its related ideas and paper does not meet minimum word requirements.
Sources (5 marks)	There are a minimum of three sources used for the paper.	There are 2 sources used for the paper	Only a single source was used for the paper	Sources are incomplete or non-existent.
Grammar/ Vocabulary (5 marks)	Exhibits strong control of grammar and vocabulary appropriate to 8 th grade.	Exhibits reasonable control of grammar and vocabulary appropriate to 8 th grade.	Exhibits minimal control of grammar and vocabulary appropriate to 8 th grade.	Lacks control of grammar and vocabulary appropriate to 8 th grade.
Points per Category				

Total Points _____/50