

Research Paper Rating Sheet

Teacher Name: _____

Student Name: _____

CATEGORY	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Total Points
Thesis Statement	Thesis is well developed and defines the topic.	The paper contains a thesis statement; however it cannot be related to the information contained in the research paper.	No thesis statement can be determined.	Student failed to turn in a thesis statement.	
Paragraph Construction	Paragraphs contain explanations and details.	Paragraphs contain few explanations or details.	Paragraphs contain no explanation or details.	Student failed to turn in a research paper.	
Paragraph Construction, Continued	All paragraphs have introductory and concluding sentences.	Some paragraphs have introductory and concluding sentences.	Most paragraphs have no introductory or concluding sentence.	Student failed to turn in a research paper.	
Research Paper/Thesis Statement	Paragraphs work together to develop the thesis.	All paragraphs do not work together to develop the thesis.	The paragraphs do not work together to develop the thesis.	Student failed to turn in a research paper.	
Graphics	Graphics greatly enhance the information in the paper.	Graphics support some of the information in the paper.	Graphics do not work to support the information in the paper.	Student failed to turn in a research paper.	

Research Paper Rating Sheet (continued)

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Research Evidence	The research paper shows strong evidence of the students own ideas based on research.	The research paper contains some evidence of the students own ideas based on research.	The research paper is a summary of the ideas of others.	Student failed to turn in a research paper.	
Conclusion	Correct grammar is used there are no spelling mistakes.	Correct grammar is used most of the time, few spelling mistakes.	Grammar is incorrect and there are many misspelled words.	Student failed to turn in a research paper.	
Source Validation	The required number of valid sources are cited, they are varied and of high quality.	A less than required number of valid sources are cited, not of high quality.	Only 1 or 2 sources are cited, the sources are of poor quality, or cannot be validated.	Student failed to turn in a research paper.	
Citing Sources	The sources for the research paper, quotes and paraphrases are properly cited.	The sources for the research paper are properly cited, but not all quotes or paraphrases are properly cited.	Sources for the research paper are not properly cited--quotes or paraphrases are not properly cited.	Student failed to turn in a research paper.	
Overall Project	The research paper is attractive and clean.	The research paper is adequate.	The research paper is sloppy or unclear, smudged pages.	Student failed to turn in a research paper.	
Total Points with Conversion Chart to Grade	76 to 100 = B+/A+	75 to 50 = B/C+	49 to 25 =C/D-	24 or less=F	