

Final Draft Research Paper Rubric - English 9A - 2021-22

CATEGORY	A	B	C	D
MLA Formatting (10 points)	10 There are no errors in MLA guidelines for formatting the paper: margins, heading, spacing, page numbers, indentations, treatment of titles, etc.	9 Infrequent or inconsequential errors throughout the paper	8 Multiple errors throughout the paper – review is needed to establish understanding of MLA formatting requirements	7 Multiple errors which affect the organization and readability of the paper – review is needed to establish understanding of MLA requirements
Introduction Paragraph (15 points)	15 The introduction paragraph has a clear and effective attention getter strategy, transitions smoothly with context of the topic to the thesis statement, and a well-constructed thesis statement at the end.	13.5 All elements are present in the introduction; the flow between steps/ ideas is not always clear	12 Most elements are present or attempted	10.5 Elements of the introduction are missing – review is needed to establish understanding of a formal introduction paragraph in an essay
Body Paragraphs #1, 2, 3, and 4 #1: ____/15 #2: ____/15 #3: ____/15 #4: ____/15	15 Each body paragraph has a clear and organized topic sentence which relates to the thesis, context and explanations, well-integrated, cited evidence, and a last sentence that transitions to the next paragraph.	13.5 Minor errors/omissions of structure and organization in 1-2 body paragraphs	12 Errors/omissions of structure, organization, or inclusion of evidence in 1-2 body paragraphs – review is needed to establish understanding of the structure of formal body paragraphs in an essay	10.5 Multiple errors/omissions of structure, organization, or inclusion of evidence throughout the paper - – review is needed to establish understanding of the structure of formal body paragraphs in an essay
Conclusion (10 points)	10 The conclusion summarizes the main idea of the paper in a new way, does not restate the thesis, and shows insight by answering the "so what" question element.	9 Attempt at all elements of the conclusion	8 Summary present, lacks a clear "So What" element	7 Lacking elements of a conclusion – review is needed to establish understanding of a “So What” conclusion in a formal essay
Content (20 points)	20 The paper insightfully maintains focus on the claims of the thesis statement, building well-researched, thoughtful ideas, supporting them, and connecting them to one another throughout.	18 The paper maintains focus on the claims of the thesis statement, building well-researched ideas, supporting them, and connecting them to one another throughout.	16 The paper mostly stays focused on the claims of the thesis statement, stating ideas from research with relevant evidence. Connections between ideas are not always clear.	14 The paper struggles to stay focused on the thesis and is not always based on relevant research. Ideas are not connected between paragraphs and thesis.
Works Cited Page (10 points)	10 All required research sources are present, formatted correctly, and are in alphabetical order on the last page of the paper. Formatting of the overall page is correct.	9 Minor or few errors on the works cited page	8 Multiple/repeated errors on the page	7 Significant, repetitive errors on the works cited page or omissions of required source information – review is needed to establish understanding of a works cited page in a formal essay

