

Research Paper/ Essay Assessment Form

5 = excellent 4 = very good 3 = fair 2 = poor 1 = didn't use

Organization (5 pts for each topic, 25 pts total)	5	4	3	2	1
The thesis statement clearly indicates what the essay is about and has a sense of purpose.					
The body has three main points. Each body paragraph has a clear topic sentence.					
All of the details presented in the essay are relevant and support the topic sentences and thesis (unity).					
The essay is logically organized and well sequenced. Follows the outline.					
Transition statements have been appropriately placed so that the essay is smooth and easy to read.					

Content (5 pts for each topic, 25 pts total)	5	4	3	2	1
The introduction grabs the reader's attention and tells the reader what the essay is about.					
Body paragraphs are well supported					
Ideas are relevant, insightful, well developed, imaginative, original and interesting.					
Ideas are supported with facts and illustrations					
The conclusion clearly summarizes the paper and includes a personal application. Provides closure					

Mechanics (5 pts for each topic, 25 pts total)	5	4	3	2	1
Sentences are complete. The wording is clear and original. (Any plagiarism disqualifies the paper)					
Punctuation, capitalization and spelling is accurate.					
Credit is given throughout the paper using correct footnotes, endnotes or parenthetical notation					
Documentation: All sources used are listed in the Bibliography using the correct format					
Overall format is correct and pleasing to the eye – titled and labeled, correct font and spacing used					

Writing Style (5 pts for each topic, 25 pts total)	5	4	3	2	1
Style is smooth, fluent, lively and engaging, rather than mechanical or confusing					
Sentences are complete and length is varied. No run-on sentences					
Descriptions and actions are described with clarity and rich vocabulary.					
Ideas are relevant, interesting, well-developed, and original					
The language used is interesting to read. Words are precise and articulate thoughts accurately.					

(Make comments on back)

TOTAL POINTS: %