

RESEARCH PAPER RUBRIC

7. _____ Parenthetical citations (50 pts)

(Jones 57).

(Jones, *Legacy* 84).

Refer to MLA rules for each type of source on *Purdue OWL*.

Total 1-7 points _____

8. Pages

Total Number of Pages (75 pt minimum)

_____ Title Page (1)

_____ Outline (1)

_____ Text (minimum of 12)

_____ Works Cited (1)

Total pages of the 15 required. _____

Bonus points for each additional text page:

_____ x 15 points = _____

25 pt. deduction per page under 15 - _____

Total page points _____

9. Works Cited (125 pts)

_____ (75 pts) The works cited page contains 15 or more entries. (-15 pts. for each one less.)

_____ (50 pts) Each source is cited in the text. (-10 for each not used.)

Total Works Cited points _____

TOTAL FORMAT POINTS _____
out of 400.

SECTION II - PROOFREADING

(200 pts)

Each grammar, punctuation, or usage error = a two-point deduction up to 100 errors.

Total errors _____ x 2 subtracted from 200

TOAL PROOFREADING POINTS out of 200 _____

NOTES:

Your source of information for correct format and citation is *Purdue OWL*.

We are using MLA documentation style.

Appearance is almost as important as content.

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SECTION III – CONTENT (400 pts)

40 = Above Average

30 = Average

20 = Needs Improvement

0 = Not attempted

1. _____ The outline or abstract effectively convey the content of the paper.
2. _____ The introduction provides clear and necessary information to establish the intent of the paper. There is a clear beginning, an introduction of works, authors or topics, and an indication of direction. We are provided with insight into the journey ahead.
3. _____ Expository and background information are necessary for providing a context for understanding. Information seems relevant and purposeful.
4. _____ A clear and identifiable thesis controls the information.
5. _____ The paper is written in a scholarly manner. The writer avoids conversational expressions, slang terms and phrases and awkward sentence constructions. The writer avoids talking to the reader. Euphemism and overstatement are avoided. The writing is clear, coherent, and fluent.
6. _____ The paper is effectively organized. The sequence is logical. The reader is not distracted by information that seems out of place or unexpected. Effective organization suggests an element of predictability.
7. _____ The paper is consistently focused on the topic. It is free of related but unnecessary material. Its focus tends to be more narrow than broad, allowing for fewer ideas to be treated in depth, rather than more ideas to be treated thinly.
8. _____ The paper avoids mere summary, reportage, or listing. Rather, the paper analyzes and probes, addressing both the complexity and detail of the subject matter. The writer does not use more than three block quotes of text from the subject work(s).
9. _____ The conclusion does not restate material or offer a lesson. The paper concludes logically or with a position based upon the research.
10. _____ The paper uses a variety of cited material without relying primarily on one or two specific sources. Sources are relevant to the work. The writer does not use the subject work to comment on itself.

Total Content Points: _____ of 400

Research Paper Grade – Total Points out of 1000 _____ = _____ % = _____

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