

RESEARCH PAPER RUBRIC

Student Name:

Extension: Y N Late: Y N

Y/N	REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE:
	MLA formatting attempted (heading, header, margins, double-spaced)
	Includes citations
	Works Cited with at least 5 sources
	At least 5 FULL pages

FORMAT (5 pts)

Points:	Sufficient (5 pts)	Needs Development (2 pts)	Inadequate (0 pts)
	Correctly formatted: 1" margins, title block, page numbers, title, font, font size, spacing, indentations	1-2 formatting errors	More than 2 formatting errors

INTRODUCTION TO ARGUMENT (15 pts)

Points:	Sufficient	Needs Development	Inadequate
	Introduction clearly states problem (2 pts)	Introduction alludes to problem but does not state it clearly (1 pt)	Introduction does not identify problem (0 pts)
	Introduction establishes significance of problem (2 pts)	Introduction attempts to establish significance, but further explanation is needed (1 pt)	Introduction does not establish significance of problem (0 pts)
	Claim identifies root cause of problem (e.g. a value or belief that perpetuates sin/ brokenness) (3 pts)	Claim identifies an underlying cause, which may not get to the root of the problem OR may be a general description of sin (e.g. "selfishness") (2-1 pts)	Claim does not identify a plausible cause (0 pts)
	Claim is clear, direct, and precise (2 pts)	Claim is intelligible but further revision of wording is needed (1 pt)	Claim is vague, confusing, or difficult to identify (0 pts)
	Reason 1 clearly explains how/why the root cause leads to the problem (2 pts)	Reason 1 attempts to explain but further revision is needed (1 pt)	Reason 1 does not support the claim or is difficult to identify (0 pts)
	Reason 2 clearly explains how/why the root cause leads to the problem (2 pts)	Reason 2 attempts to explain but further revision is needed (1 pt)	Reason 2 does not support the claim or is difficult to identify (0 pts)
	Reason 3 clearly explains how/why the root cause leads to the problem (2 pts)	Reason 3 attempts to explain but further revision is needed (1 pt)	Reason 3 does not support the claim or is difficult to identify (0 pts)
	TOTAL POINTS		

BODY PARAGRAPH 1 (15 pts)

<i>Points:</i>	<i>Sufficient</i>	<i>Needs Development</i>	<i>Inadequate</i>
	Topic sentence clearly states reason (2 pts)	Topic sentence is present but does not clearly state reason (1 pt)	No topic sentence (0 pts)
	All quotes are sufficiently introduced (2 pts)	One quote is sufficiently introduced, or both need improvement (1 pt)	Neither quote is sufficiently introduced (0 pts)
	Evidence supports reason (2 pts)	Evidence relates to reason but connection must be clearer (1 pt)	Evidence is missing (0 pts)
	Evidence is of appropriate length (1 pt)		Evidence is too short or too long to provide meaningful support (0 pts)
	Explication clearly shows how evidence supports reason (2 pts)	Explication comments on evidence but does not clearly show how evidence supports reason (1 pt)	Explication is missing (0 pts)
	Evidence is cited correctly (2 pts)	Evidence is cited incorrectly (1 pt)	Evidence is not cited (0 pts)
	Transitions connect ideas (1 pt)		Transitions are lacking (0 pts)
	All ideas are supported (2 pts)	Some ideas lack support (1 pt)	All ideas are unsubstantiated (0 pts)
	Paragraph ends with a clear concluding sentence (1 pt)		Concluding sentence is missing (0 pts)
	TOTAL POINTS		

BODY PARAGRAPH 2 (15 pts)

<i>Points:</i>	<i>Sufficient</i>	<i>Needs Development</i>	<i>Inadequate</i>
	Topic sentence clearly states reason (2 pts)	Topic sentence is present but does not clearly state reason (1 pt)	No topic sentence (0 pts)
	All quotes are sufficiently introduced (2 pts)	One quote is sufficiently introduced, or both need improvement (1 pt)	Neither quote is sufficiently introduced (0 pts)
	Evidence supports reason (2 pts)	Evidence relates to reason but connection must be clearer (1 pt)	Evidence is missing (0 pts)
	Evidence is of appropriate length (1 pt)		Evidence is too short or too long to provide meaningful support (0 pts)
	Explication clearly shows how evidence supports reason (2 pts)	Explication comments on evidence but does not clearly show how evidence supports reason (1 pt)	Explication is missing (0 pts)
	Evidence is cited correctly (2 pts)	Evidence is cited incorrectly (1 pt)	Evidence is not cited (0 pts)
	Transitions connect ideas (1 pt)		Transitions are lacking (0 pts)
	All ideas are supported (2 pts)	Some ideas lack support (1 pt)	All ideas are unsubstantiated (0 pts)
	Paragraph ends with a clear concluding sentence (1 pt)		Concluding sentence is missing (0 pts)
	TOTAL POINTS		

BODY PARAGRAPH 3 (15 pts)

<i>Points:</i>	<i>Sufficient</i>	<i>Needs Development</i>	<i>Inadequate</i>
	Topic sentence clearly states reason (2 pts)	Topic sentence is present but does not clearly state reason (1 pt)	No topic sentence (0 pts)
	All quotes are sufficiently introduced (2 pts)	One quote is sufficiently introduced, or both need improvement (1 pt)	Neither quote is sufficiently introduced (0 pts)
	Evidence supports reason (2 pts)	Evidence relates to reason but connection must be clearer (1 pt)	Evidence is missing (0 pts)
	Evidence is of appropriate length (1 pt)		Evidence is too short or too long to provide meaningful support (0 pts)
	Explication clearly shows how evidence supports reason (2 pts)	Explication comments on evidence but does not clearly show how evidence supports reason (1 pt)	Explication is missing (0 pts)
	Evidence is cited correctly (2 pts)	Evidence is cited incorrectly (1 pt)	Evidence is not cited (0 pts)
	Transitions connect ideas (1 pt)		Transitions are lacking (0 pts)
	All ideas are supported (2 pts)	Some ideas lack support (1 pt)	All ideas are unsubstantiated (0 pts)
	Paragraph ends with a clear concluding sentence (1 pt)		Concluding sentence is missing (0 pts)
	TOTAL POINTS		

CONCLUSION (5 pts)

<i>Points:</i>	<i>Sufficient</i>	<i>Needs Development</i>	<i>Inadequate</i>
	Clearly summarizes argument (2 pts)	Minimal or unclear (1 pt)	Does not summarize argument (0 pts)
	Addresses implications of argument (2 pts)	Minimal or unclear (1 pt)	Does not address implications of argument (0 pts)
	Does not simply reproduce introduction (1 pt)		Conclusion is identical to introduction (0 pts)
	TOTAL POINTS		

GRAMMAR (10 pts)

<i>Points</i>	<i>Sufficient</i>	<i>Needs Development</i>	<i>Inadequate</i>
	No spelling errors (2 pts)	A few errors (1 pt)	Repeated, distracting errors (0 pts)
	No capitalization errors (2 pts)	A few errors (1 pt)	Repeated, distracting errors (0 pts)
	No punctuation errors (2 pts)	A few errors (1 pt)	Repeated, distracting errors (0 pts)
	Syntax is clear (2 pts)	A few confusing areas (1 pt)	Syntax is unclear (0 pts)
	No lapses in formal voice (2 pts)	A few lapses (1 pt)	Formal voice is not used (0 pts)
	TOTAL POINTS		

RESEARCH (10 pts)

<i>Points:</i>	<i>Sufficient (5 pts)</i>	<i>Needs Development (2 pts)</i>	<i>Inadequate (0 pts)</i>
	At least 5 credible sources cited in paper (not including the Bible)	Fewer than 5 credible sources	No credible sources cited in paper
	Works Cited contains all sources cited in paper	Works Cited contains sources <u>not</u> cited in paper	Works Cited does not contain all sources cited in paper
	TOTAL POINTS		

WORKS CITED (10 pts)

<i>Points:</i>	<i>Sufficient (5 pts)</i>	<i>Needs Development (2 pts)</i>	<i>Inadequate (0 pts)</i>
	Page is formatted according to MLA guidelines	A few small errors (extra space between entries, title incorrectly formatted, etc.)	Major errors (e.g. sources not alphabetized at all, not double-spaced, no hanging indent)
	Entries are formatted according to MLA guidelines	A few small errors (punctuation, spelling, italics, etc.)	Major errors (elements missing or out of order, errors repeated through all entries, etc.)
	TOTAL POINTS		

SUBTOTAL = / 100

Late Deduction (-10) = / 100

TOTAL = %