

Rubric

Category	4-5 Points	3 Points	2 Points	0-1 Point
Thesis statement	Clearly and concisely states the paper's purpose in a single sentence, which is engaging, and thought provoking.	Clearly states the paper's purpose in a single sentence.	States the paper's purpose in a single sentence.	Incomplete and/or unfocused.
Introduction	The introduction is engaging, states the main topic and previews the main points of the paper	The introduction states the main topic and previews the main points of the paper.	The introduction states the main topic but does not adequately preview the main points of the paper.	There is no clear introduction or main topic and the structure of the paper is missing.
Body Paragraphs (x 3 points)	Each paragraph has thoughtful supporting detail sentences that develop the main idea and directly support the thesis statement. Includes evidence from research to support paragraph's purpose.	Each paragraph has sufficient supporting detail sentences that develop the main idea and directly support the thesis statement.	Each paragraph lacks supporting detail sentences and does not support thesis statement.	Each paragraph fails to develop the main idea.
Organization/ Structural Development of the Idea	Writer demonstrates logical and subtle sequencing of ideas through well-developed paragraphs; transitions are used to enhance organization.	Paragraph development present but not perfected	Logical organization; organization of ideas not fully developed.	No evidence of structure or organization.
Conclusion	The conclusion is engaging and restates the thesis and summarizes main points.	The conclusion restates thesis.	Does not adequately review main topics.	Is off topic
Mechanics	No errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Almost no errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Many errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Numerous and distracting errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.
In-Text Citations	Each body paragraph contains an in-text citation that is correctly formatted.	Each body paragraph contains in-text citations that are most formatted correctly.	Each body paragraph has an in-text citation that is not correctly formatted.	No in-text citations.
Works Cited Page	Works cited page is correctly formatted and contains all resources used in the paper.	Works cited page is correctly formatted but does not contain all resources used in the paper.	Works cited page has some obvious errors.	Works cited page contains many errors.
MLA Format	The heading, paper, and works cited page are in appropriate format.	There are a few errors in MLA format.	There are many MLA format errors.	MLA format was not followed.
Comprehension	The paper is easily comprehended by the reader.	The paper is somewhat difficult to comprehend.	The paper difficult to comprehend.	The paper is illogical.

