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SENIOR RESEARCH PAPER SCORE GUIDE

Automatic Rejection: If any of the following requirements are NOT met, evaluation will cease, the English 12 research paper deadline will be missed, your paper will be returned to you, and you will be required to resubmit your paper for proficiency.

- ___ Required sources are present and utilized in the paper (4 total: 2 vetted/2 teacher approved)
- ___ Required minimum word count met (1200-1500, NOT including heading, title, or Works Cited)
- ___ Paper is free from plagiarism (be it intentional or accidental)

MLA Formatting

heading (correct in all aspects) ___ yes ___ no
12 font/Times New Roman ___ yes ___ no
paper is properly titled and correctly spaced ___ yes ___ no
pgs properly numbered and length req. met ___ yes ___ no
1" margins ___ yes ___ no

Works Cited Page

required sources are listed ___ yes ___ no
sources listed are used in text and vice versa ___ yes ___ no
properly titled and correctly spaced ___ yes ___ no
sources properly alphabetized ___ yes ___ no
correct citation format (and conventions) ___ yes ___ no

In-text Citation Formatting

In-text citations contain the correct information ___ yes ___ no
In-text citations are punctuated correctly ___ yes ___ no

Total pts. _____ x2= _____

Opening/Thesis Statement

Engaging Opening	4	3	2	1
Compelling Thesis	4	3	2	1

Organization

Strong and clear use of topic sentences	4	3	2	1
Skillful and logical organization	4	3	2	1
Purposeful transitions	4	3	2	1

Supporting Details

Strong, rich supporting data and details to prove thesis	4	3	2	1
Supporting details are from relevant and reliable sources	4	3	2	1

Ideas

Skillfully weaves original ideas, facts, and thesis	4	3	2	1
Ideas are clearly and thoroughly presented	4	3	2	1
Commentary clearly and skillfully connects research to thesis	4	3	2	1

Conclusion

Emphasizes the significance of message	4	3	2	1
Leaves reader interested and satisfied	4	3	2	1

Readability

Voice draws reader in and engages	4	3	2	1
Consistently varies sentence structure and length	4	3	2	1
Clear academic voice; third person	4	3	2	1

Mechanics

Demonstrates excellence in mechanics	4	3	2	1
Demonstrates excellence in grammar and syntax	4	3	2	1

Use of Sources

Effective and varied use of multiple sources throughout paragraphs and paper	4	3	2	1
Incorporates paraphrases, summaries, direct quotations with meaningful intent	4	3	2	1

FINAL GRADE _____/100

**Note: Proficiency = 70%. If a paper is deemed 'unacceptable' it must be revised for improvement and be resubmitted.*

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