

Research Paper Rubric

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Category	Exceeds Standard	Meets Standard	Nearly Meets Standard	Does Not Meet Standard	No Evidence	Score
Title Page	Title, Your Name, Teacher's Name, Course Period, Date, Neatly finished - no errors	Evidence of four	Evidence of three	Evidence of two or less	Absent	5
Abstract	The abstract is engaging and well developed, includes all of the necessary elements.	The abstract is present and evaluates most of the elements.	The abstract is included but does not properly overview the paper.	The abstract is underdeveloped and does not provide an overview of the paper.	Absent	10
Introduction	The introduction is engaging, states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper. Both your testable and null hypotheses are well developed.	The introduction states the main topic and previews the topic of the paper. Your testable and null hypotheses are listed.	The introduction states the main topic but does not adequately preview the structure of the paper. Your testable and null hypotheses are underdeveloped.	There is no clear introduction or main topic and the structure of the paper is missing. Your hypotheses are difficult to identify.	Absent, no evidence	20
Body	Each paragraph has thoughtful supporting detail sentences that develop the main idea.	Each paragraph has sufficient supporting detail sentences that develop the main idea.	Each paragraph lacks supporting detail sentences.	Each paragraph fails to develop the main idea.	Not applicable	50
Organization/ Structural Development of the Idea	Writer demonstrates logical and subtle sequencing of ideas through well developed paragraphs and properly identifies the IV, DV, CV, op. def., along with all necessary data.	Paragraph development present but not perfected. Identifies the variables and other concepts along with mentioning the data.	Logical organization; organization of ideas and variables not fully developed.	No evidence of structure or organization and the variables are not mentioned.	Not applicable	20
Discussion/ Conclusion	The discussion is engaging and contains all of the main elements along with your critique.	The discussion states your hypothesis and includes your critique of the results.	The conclusion does not adequately restate your hypothesis and is lacking a critique of the results.	Incomplete and/or unfocused.	Absent	15
Mechanics/ Usage	No errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Almost no errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Many errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Distracting errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Not applicable	10
Citation/ APA Format	All cited works are done in the correct format with no errors.	Some cited works, are done in the correct format. Inconsistencies evident.	Few cited works are done in the correct format.	Absent	Not applicable	10
Bibliography	Correct format, includes 5 major references	Correct format, includes 4 major references	Correct format, includes 3 major references	Correct format, includes 2 major references	Absent or the only sites are internet sites	10