

# Research Paper Requirements 2006

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cover Page & Formatting: ( 20 points)**

All conventions and requirements met

\_\_\_\_\_ **Intro & Conclusion: (30 points)**

The introduction should get the reader's attention, introduce the main idea of the paper, and end with a strong thesis statement. (15 points)

The conclusion repeats the main part of the report and ends with a final, interesting sentence. The thesis statement is often restated here. (15 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ideas and Content (50 points)**

Paragraphs should begin with a clear topic sentence, which contains an important idea about your research topic. Supporting, detailed sentences should follow the topic sentence.

Paragraphs should be arranged in the best possible order.

Did the author select a topic that was narrow and manageable?

Are all the topics stated in the thesis statement addressed in the report?

Did the author stay focused on the main topic and sub topics?

Are details used to explain and clarify the topics?

Is the information, presented by the author, appropriate for the audience selected?

\_\_\_\_\_ **Conventions Consider ALL the key components! (30 points)**

Spelling

Punctuation

Capitalization

Grammar and usage

Paragraphing (indenting)

The text should look clean, edited, and polished—not perfect.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Referencing and Citations: (20 points)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sentence Fluency and Word Choice (20 points)**

Sentences are clear, smooth, and easy to read.

Does the author demonstrate creative and varied use of sentence and length structure?

Can you FEEL the words and phrases flow together as you read it aloud?

The author made appropriate word choices.

The author was careful to choose words and phrases to match the purpose of writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total points earned**

**170 Possible**