

# *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Research Paper Rubric*

	20	15	10	5	0
<b>Research</b>	thorough and relevant	less thorough but still substantial and relevant	adequate; relevance made clear	insufficient; relevance not always made clear	irrelevant, missing, or relies on assertion rather than research
<b>Organization</b>	Well organized; strong topic sentences	logical and appropriate organization; clear topic sentences	organization attempted, but unclear or inappropriate topic sentences.	inconsistent organization	absence of planned organization
<b>Grammar, punctuation, spelling</b>	free of grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors	few (1 or 2) grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors	some grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors, but not severe enough to interfere significantly with writer's purpose	grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors which interfere with writer's purpose	grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors that significantly interfere with the writer's purpose
<b>MLA Formatting</b>	All elements are properly formatted in accordance with MLA guidelines	All but one or two elements are properly formatted	Between three and five elements are not properly formatted	Between six and ten elements are not properly formatted	More than ten elements are not formatted in accordance with MLA guidelines
<b>Completeness<sup>1</sup></b>	All necessary items are included and complete.		Paper is missing an important item: _____		Paper is missing more than one important item: _____

**93-100=A    83-92=B    72-82=C    60-71=D    <60=F**

**Directions:** Carefully examine your paper and circle the score in each category that you feel most closely matches the work you submitted. Be prepared to defend your answer. *This form must be turned in with your paper.*

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> See "Your paper must include" section on assignment sheet.