

Senior Research Paper – Grading Criteria

Basic MLA Formatting

Heading (Name, Teacher, etc.)

Header (Lastname Pg#)

Times New Roman

12 point font

Double spaced

No extra spacing

In-text Citations/Works Cited

Works Cited Page (min. 5 sources)

Properly formatted

Lead-in/parenthetical citations for all sources

In-text citations match works cited

Introduction & Thesis

Introduction offers context to topic

Introduction provides direction and intent of arguments

Thesis is defensible, well-developed and establishes a claim to be argued and supported with substantial research

Arguments

Each argument made is supported with research

Arguments are well-developed and make logical sense

Arguments tie directly back to the thesis statement

Use of Sources

Sources are academic in nature (Gale, Scholar, etc.)

Sources are relevant to topic

Mechanics and Structure

Paper uses transition sentences to maintain flow

Paper is free of misspellings

Paper is free of major grammatical errors

Paragraphs are complex and well-developed

Block quotes are used sparingly and intently (if applicable)

Paper is free of personal pronouns (automatic 50% for one)

Care and effort in capitalization

Submission & Page Requirement

Paper is submitted via website (only acceptable submission form)

Paper is submitted on-time, before deadline

Page Requirement is met (works cited is not included in page limit)