

LIBR100 Research Paper Rubric

	A=4	B=3	C=2	D=1	F=0
Thesis	Clearly stated and appropriately focused ARGUABLE thesis	Clearly stated but focus/argument needs to be sharper	Thesis stated but not adequately focused, or argument weak	Thesis is inferred but not stated, or no argument	No statement of thesis or objective for research observed
Quality of Information	Information clearly related to the main topic, included consistent supporting details and/or examples	Information clearly related to the main topic, provided adequate supporting details and/or examples	Information clearly related to the main topic, provided some supporting details and/or examples	Information related to the main topic, no details or examples provided.	Information had little or nothing to do with main topic.
Organization	Information is logically organized	Information is adequately organized	Information is somewhat organized	Obvious lack of organization	No observable organization
Mechanics	No grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors observed	Almost no (>5) grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors observed	A few (>10) grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors observed	Many grammatical (10 or more) spelling or punctuation errors observed	No observable effort in the area of mechanics
Source Material	10 sources, all conforming to assignment guidelines	10 sources, at least 9 conforming to assignment guidelines	10 sources, at least 8 conforming to assignment guidelines	10 sources, at least 7 conforming to assignment guidelines	Less than 10 sources OR 10 sources with less than 7 academically appropriate
MLA Formatting	No errors in MLA formatting rules (margins, spacing, font, headers, page numbering, etc)	Almost no errors in MLA formatting rules (margins, spacing, font, headers, page numbering, etc)	A few errors in MLA formatting rules (margins, spacing, font, headers, page numbering, etc)	Many errors in MLA formatting rules (margins, spacing, font, headers, page numbering, etc)	No observable effort in the area of MLA formatting
MLA In-text Citation	All sources accurately cited in parenthetical references	Most sources accurately cited in parenthetical references	Some sources accurately cited in parenthetical references	Few sources accurately cited in parenthetical references	No parenthetical references observed
MLA Works Cited	All sources documented with no errors	Sources documented with almost no errors	Most sources documented properly	Some sources documented properly	No observable effort in MLA formatting. No references provided

PAPERS OF LESS THAN 2500 WORDS WILL AUTOMATICALLY LOSE 4 POINTS. DON'T DO IT!