**Research Rubric**

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| **Name:** |   | **Title:** | Wilma Mankiller: Good Times and Bad |



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| 5 | **Ideas** |
| The writing . . .* includes a thesis statement that focuses on an interesting aspect of the topic.
* effectively supports the thesis.
* thoroughly informs readers.
* gives credit, when necessary, for ideas from other sources.
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| 5 | **Organization** |
| * includes a clearly developed beginning, middle, and ending.
* presents supporting information in an organized manner (perhaps one main idea per paragraph).
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| 5 | **Voice** |
| * speaks in a sincere and knowledgeable way.
* shows that the writer is truly interested in the subject.
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| 4 | **Word Choice** |
| * explains or defines any unfamiliar terms.
* employs an appropriate level of language.
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| 5 | **Sentence Fluency** |
| * flows smoothly from one idea to the next.
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| 4 | **Conventions** |
| * adheres to the rules of grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
* follows the appropriate format for research papers (including correct documentation).
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**Comments**: You clearly understand what it means to focus on an interesting aspect of your subject (Ms. Mankiller’s difficult life). Your report proves to me that Wilma Mankiller is certainly worthy of everyone’s respect.

 Your writing reads smoothly and is free of careless errors. The only problem I noticed was the lack of citations in your report: Where did you find your information?

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