Research Rubric

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Use the following checklist to evaluate your research report or that of a classmate for the traits of effective writing.

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|  | **Stimulating 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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|  | **Logical ORGANIZATION** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** 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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|  | **Engaging VOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** speaks in a sincere and knowledgeable way.
* shows that the writer is truly interested in the subject.
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|  | **Original WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** explains or defines any unfamiliar terms.
* employs an appropriate level of language.
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|  | **Effective SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** flows smoothly from one idea to the next.
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|  | **Correct, Accurate COPY** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** adheres to the rules of grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
* follows the appropriate format for research papers (including correct documentation).
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