**Assessment** **Rubric:** Research Papers

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Use this rubric to evaluate the quality of your research paper. The rubric features the traits of good writing.

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| **Stimulating Ideas**  *The research paper . . .* | |
|  | presents a clear thesis about an interesting topic. |
|  | supports the thesis using strong main points and a variety of engaging details from various sources. |
| **Logical Organization**  *The research paper . . .* | |
|  | catches the reader’s attention at the beginning and provides the thesis statement. |
|  | explores the topic in many well-developed paragraphs. |
|  | ends by thoughtfully wrapping up the research. |
| **Engaging Voice**  *The research paper . . .* | |
|  | uses a confident, knowledgeable voice to explain. |
|  | conveys interest to the reader. |
| **Original Word Choice**  *The research paper . . .* | |
|  | uses action verbs and precise nouns. |
|  | defines any unfamiliar terms. |
| **Effective Sentence Style**  *The research paper . . .* | |
|  | varies sentences types, lengths, and beginnings. |
|  | reads smoothly from sentence to sentence. |
| **Correct, Accurate Copy**  *The research paper . . .* | |
|  | has correct punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, and spelling. |
|  | consistently applies the research style (MLA or APA). |