

Student name _____

Thesis statement _____

Writing and Formatting (45%)

/10	Does the introduction introduce the thesis statement? (1)	yes	no
	Does the introduction give an outline of the essay body? (2)	yes	no
	Does the introduction attempt to generate interest? (2)	yes	no

/10	Does the conclusion restate the thesis statement? (1)	yes	no
	Does the conclusion summarize the main points of the essay? (2)	yes	no
	Does the conclusion make a final comment about the main idea? (2)	yes	no

/15	How is the overall organization of the essay?	8	5	3	0
	How well are paragraphs used?	7	5	3	0

/10	Does the essay have a references list (6+ references)?	yes	no
	Are at least six references used in the essay?	yes	no
	Are references written where needed?	yes	no
	Are references written correctly in the body of the essay?	yes	no
	Are references written correctly in the reference list?	yes	no

/10	very good		okay			several mistakes			?	
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

-	spelling, capital letter mistakes	formatting mistakes

/100

Research (30%)

Has the writer shown that they have done research?

lots of research shown	good amount of research shown	some research shown	little research shown	(almost) no research shown	/10
10	7	5	2	0	

Is the research relevant to the thesis statement?

very relevant	relevant	a little relevant	not very relevant	irrelevant	/10
10	7	5	2	0	

Is the research reliable?

very reliable	reliable	sometimes unreliable	often unreliable	completely unreliable	/10
10	7	5	2	0	

Focus and Argument (25%)

Does the essay focus on the thesis statement?

very focused	focused	sometimes unfocused	often unfocused	completely unfocused	/10
10	7	5	2	0	

Does the essay present its arguments logically?

logically	mostly logically	sometimes illogically	often illogically	completely illogically	/10
10	7	5	2	0	

Has the writer proven their thesis statement?

proven	somewhat proven	unproven	/5
5	3	0	

Intro & Conclusion
Organization
References
Grammar
Penalties

Comments

Introduction

Conclusion

Section 2

Section 3

Section 4

Section 5