

RUBRIC for Social Issue Inquiry Research Paper

Formatting

Correct MLA Header _____/5

Engaging Title (correct capitalization) _____/5

Correct name and info, Double Spaced, 12pt font _____/10

Correct in-text Citations _____/10

Correct MLA Works Cited List _____/10

Organization: Topic sentences in Bold _____/10

Conventions _____/30 (10 each section)

- General Spelling and Punctuation Usage
- General Syntax (including Comma Splices, SPA, Parallel Construction, SPV, modifiers, Passive Voice)
- Word Usage: Clichés, Wordiness, Adjectives, No Dead Verbs/ADV (3 per page)

Content _____/120 (30 each section)

Structure

Clear and intriguing introduction

Leads Reader from Point to Point easily

Conclusions drawn from research, not moralistic or general

Analytical/Academic Writing Style

Formal Tone, Strong use of terminology

Writing shows depth and original thought

Connects each point to the thesis

Integration of Research

Incorporates ideas with a thoughtful combination of summarized, paragraphed, and quoted content

Properly credits original source in writing

Skillfully chooses when and how to integrate

Examination of Issue

Examines system/definition/history

Shows deep research – considers various theories and academic discussions

Considers multiple sides of issue

Engages with current examples and realities

TOTAL: _____/200

Teacher Comments: