

**Research Paper Rubric**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature**                      **Mrs. Peden**

| Category  | Possible Points    | Points Earned |
|---|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>MLA Formatting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12 point Times New Roman font, double spaced, pages numbered, name at top of each page, long quotations indented correctly, etc.</li> <li>● - ½ for each error</li> </ul>  | 5                  |               |
| <b>Works Cited Page</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Centered title, hanging indention, punctuation, alphabetically listed, minimum of 3, etc.</li> <li>● -2 for each entry missing</li> <li>● -½ for each error</li> </ul> <b>Sources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Minimum of 3 sources, primary and/or secondary</li> <li>● -2 for each missing source</li> </ul>                           | 20                 |               |
| <b>Length</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 to 3 pages</li> <li>● - 2 for each ¼ missing page—formatting errors taken into account</li> </ul>  | 10                 |               |
| <b>Grammar, spelling, and punctuation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● -1 for every 5 errors</li> </ul>   | 10                 |               |
| <b>Quotes and In-text citations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 quote per body paragraph, author’s last name, long quotations inset, quotation marks used, page numbers included, parenthesis, period properly placed, etc.</li> <li>● - ½ per error</li> <li>● -2 per missing quote</li> </ul>  | 20                 |               |
| <b>Formal Essay Tone and Style</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Responds directly to the prompt, uses third person point of view, avoids obvious statements, avoids repetitiveness, avoids opinionated statements, writing is clear and easy to understand, tone is appropriate, diction and word choice appropriate, etc.</li> <li>● - ½ to -5, depending the severity and frequency of the error</li> </ul> | 15                 |               |
| <b>Paper Structure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introduction with thesis statement, thesis driven argument, multiple T.E.A.L. structured body paragraphs, conclusion, etc.</li> <li>● - ½ to -5, depending the severity and frequency of the error</li> </ul>   | 20                 |               |
| <b>Total</b>  | 100<br>x 2 = _____ |               |
| <b>Comments</b>   |                    |               |