

Research Paper Evaluation Checklist

The items checked below are those that need to be improved.

PRESENTATION (MLA Format)

- Double Spaced throughout with one inch margins
- Half-inch indent for first line of all paragraphs
- Correct Heading
- 12 point Times New Roman font

UNITY

- Clear thesis statement
- Topic sentences support thesis

Introduction

- Gripping opening sentence/hook
- Compelling introductory strategy
- Thesis appears as last sentence

Conclusion

- Thesis reiterated in light of your argument
- Effective concluding strategy

COHESION

- Clear and logical organization
- Clear topic sentences in all body paragraphs
- Effective concluding sentences where needed

Transitions (clear connections)

- Within paragraphs and between paragraphs

SUPPORT

- Convincing evidence for thesis and topic sentences
- Relevant information to thesis
- Current sources (where appropriate)
- Add a source of this type to this paper for balance
 - ___ journal ___ newspaper ___ magazine
 - ___ internet ___ book
- Credibility of internet source
- Effective balance of paraphrasing, summarizing and quoting
- At least two citations per body paragraph
- Context provided for all borrowed material, always mentioning the author by name in your text (not only in parenthetical citations)
- Authority of every author established with first reference
- Comment thoroughly on the relevance of every citation – relevance to your argument in the immediate paragraph and to your overall thesis

DOCUMENTATION OF SOURCES

- Documentation of all paraphrases, summaries, and quotations (anytime you use someone else's words, ideas, or information)

**** plagiarism will result in a zero for the paper****

- Correct MLA parenthetical citation format
- Correct use of quotation marks
- For long quotes, use block form

Formal of MLA "Works Cited" Page(s) (Bibliography)

- Use alphabetical order
- Use MLA format for citing
 - ___journals___newspapers___magazines
 - ___books___internet
- One-inch margins – "Works Cited" at top
- sources correctly punctuated
- Hanging indent for all entries with 2 or more lines
- Double-space all entries with no skipped lines

EDITING Uses CUPS

- Capitalization

Usage

- Use of third person
- Appropriate language: no slang or cliches
- Consistent verb tenses
- Verb subject agreement
- Clear pronoun/antecedent reference
- Parallel structure
- Variety in use of sentence patterns
(Use a balance of simple, compound, and complex sentences)

Punctuation to Review and Correct

- Commas Parentheses
- Semicolons Colons
- Quotes / Underlining Apostrophes

- Spelling

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