

Senior Composition

Research Paper Rubric

Introduction 20 Points	A Range (95)	B Range (85)	C Range (75)	D Range (65)
Paper opens with an attention grabbing or idea generating statement, question, or quote.				
Introduction engages reader and illustrates possible points to be made in body.				
Thesis is evident, appropriately formatted, and obviously controls the entire essay.				
Content/Support/Body Paragraphs Points 80	A Range (95)	B Range (85)	C Range (75)	D Range (65)
The writer seems well-informed and draws on relevant information from a variety of sources.				
The writer continuously anticipates and responds to the reader's questions and informational needs.				
Supporting details (examples, facts, quotations, paraphrases, etc.) are accurate, significant, and helpful in clarifying or expanding on the main ideas.				
Placement of details, facts, and examples are well thought out, deliberate, and helpful to the reader's understanding.				
Writer uses supporting details to enhance the their own points rather than relying completely on the opinions of others.				
The writer uses the language of the content area with skill and ease, always helping to make meaning clear from context.				
The writer consistently chooses explicit, vivid words and phrases that make the message both clear and memorable				
Conclusion 20 Points	A Range (95)	B Range (85)	C Range (75)	D Range (65)
Conclusion does not repeat, but reiterates what was discussed in the introduction.				
Effectively resolves any leftover questions and shows the reader how everything discussed ties together.				
Leave the reading thinking about the importance of the topic discussed.				

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Paragraph Structure and Organization of Ideas 30 Points	A Range (95)	B Range (85)	C Range (75)	D Range (65)
Each body paragraph contains a clear and identifiable topic sentence.				
Each body paragraph is clearly connected and bridged to the ones before and after by transitions.				
Paper is well organized and flows together well; ideas appear in a logical order.				
Voice and Tone 20 Points	A Range (95)	B Range (85)	C Range (75)	D Range (65)
Writer addresses the audience in a voice that is engaging, knowledgeable, and confident.				
Sentences are clear, concise, and easy to read.				
Sentence structure is varied and appropriate to subject and grade level.				
Development 80 Points	A Range (95)	B Range (85)	C Range (75)	D Range (65)
Writer creates and fully develops the argument made by the thesis, using research to expand and support those ideas. Ideas presented—both by the writer and the research—are expounded upon and explained to allow the reader to understand and appreciate the topic completely.				
Points Possible	250			
Points Earned				
Deductions				
Total/Grade for Assignment				