



Graduate Paper Scholarship Rubric

Paper Title:

Paper #:

Judge's Name:

Date:

Description	8.5 to 10	6.5 to 8	5 to 6.5	0 to 4.5	Score
Introduction, identification of topic/ thesis statement.	Engaging and fully developed introduction as appropriate to assignment. Grabs the reader's attention!	Competent well developed introduction representing sound understanding of assigned topic.	The introduction is weak or unclear. On topic.	Mostly unfocused ideas and/or showing confusion or misunderstanding of the topic.	
Review of academic literature.	Review is thorough. Very well organized and linked to the literature.	Review is good. It is well organized and linked to the literature.	Review on topic but lacks quality. No solid links to the literature.	Poor review or did not follow guidelines. Insufficient attempts at linkages to the literature.	
Overall quality of writing and structure.	Well-written, detailed, and cohesive paper. Virtually free of punctuation or spelling errors.	Good job. Could have been covered more in depth. Occasional spelling or punctuation errors.	Writing is adequate but lacks quality and structure. Several spelling or punctuation errors.	Writing does not flow, or is poorly structured. Many serious spelling and punctuation errors.	
Number and quality of references.	Eight or more academic references, e.g. scholarly journals, books, articles, government statistics - No Wikipedia.	Five to seven academic references - No Wikipedia.	Less than five academic references and/or use of some non-scholarly sources (including Wikipedia).	No references, or several inappropriate sources (including Wikipedia).	
Mechanics of APA.	All APA requirements met throughout. All sources are cited properly. There are no APA errors.	Almost all of the written APA requirements are met. Minor issues only.	The majority of APA requirements met, but several were not.	Only some (or none) of the written APA requirements were met.	

Total Score:

Judge's Comments:

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Student's Name:

University:

Chapter:

HQ: Did the student follow all guidelines? Yes: No: Students who do not meet guidelines will be disqualified. This includes; topic, full APA formatting; coversheet, title page, 100 word abstract, 15 pages maximum, double spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, 1" margins, proper citations.