Category	Exceeds Standard	Meets Standard	Nearly Meets standard	Does Not Meet Standar	No Evidence	Score	Max Pts
	10 pts	**8 pts**	**6 pts**	**4 pts**	**0 pts**		
Format 10 Pts	Includes all four (4) of the following: 1. Minimum Paper Length- 5 pages, NOT counting cover page and bibliography 2. 12-point standard font (Times New Roman, Calibri, Arial) 3. 1-inch margins 4. Double spaced	Evidence of three	Evidence of two	Evidence of one	Absent		10
Thesis Statement **10 pts**	Clearly and concisely states the paper's purpose in a single sentence, which is engaging, and thought provoking.	Clearly states the paper's purpose in a single sentence.	States the paper's purpose in a single sentence.	Incomplete and/or unfocused.	Absent, no evidence		10
Introduction **10 pts**	The introduction is engaging, states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper.	The introduction states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper.	The introduction states the main topic but does not adequately preview the structure of the paper.	There is no clear introduction or main topic and the structure of the paper is missing.	Absent, no evidence		10
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Organization/ Structural Development of the Idea **10 Pts**	Writer demonstrates logical and subtle sequencing of ideas through well-developed paragraphs; transitions are used to enhance organization.	Paragraph development present but not perfected.	Logical organization; organization of ideas not fully developed.	No evidence of structure or organization.	Not applicable		10

Conclusion 10 pts	The conclusion is engaging and restates the thesis.	The conclusion restates the thesis.	The conclusion does not adequately restate the thesis.	Incomplete and/or unfocused	Absent		10
Mechanics 10 pts	No errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Almost no errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Many errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Numerous and distracting errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Not applicable		10
Usage 10 pts	No errors sentence structure and word usage.	Almost no errors in sentence structure and word usage.	Many errors in sentence structure and word usage.	Numerous and distracting errors in sentence structure and word usage.	Not applicable		10
Citation 10 Pts	All cited works, both text and visual, are done in the correct format with no errors.	Some cited works, both text and visual, are done in the correct format. Inconsistencies evident.	Few cited works, both text and visual, are done in the correct format.	Absent	Not applicable		10
Bibliography 10 pts	Done in the correct format with no errors. Includes four (4) scholarly, peer reviewed sources.	Done in the correct format with few errors. Includes four (4) scholarly, peer reviewed sources	Done in the correct format with some errors. Includes four (4) scholarly, peer reviewed sources	Done in the correct format with many errors or includes three (3) scholarly, peer reviewed sources	Includes two or fewer scholarly, peer reviewed articles.		10
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