

Research Paper Criteria

CATEGORY	CRITERIA	POINTS POSSIBLE
Information Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Is it full of interesting information that makes the reader want to keep reading? – Does it have the right depth? – Are there correct paraphrasing and citations? – Is your information from reputable sources? 	___/20
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Does it unfold like a story? Do the paragraphs make sense? – Does each paragraph focus on just one topic? – Are any ideas out of place? – Does it build to something in the end? 	___/10
Use of Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Do you use a range of interesting literary devices like imagery, metaphors, similes, personification, alliteration, and so on to help the reader understand the topic better? – Do you use interesting craft moves like parallel structure, juxtaposition, purposeful variation of sentence lengths, and so on? – Do you use interesting word choice? 	___/10
Mr. Johnson’s Growth Areas	You spend time grappling with Mr. Johnson’s core growth areas; you move forward in those areas in significant ways.	___/15
Your Goals	You put serious effort toward improving in your goal areas.	___/15
The Rest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The introduction and conclusion are strong. – The topic is compelling and interesting. – The grammar and mechanics are strong. – The writing in the paper works . . . 	___/30
Total	Comments:	___/100