Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total Grade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Freshmen Research Paper Rubric

**A. FORMAT (30 points)**

 Pagination (Header) (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Parenthetical Documentation (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Bibliographic format (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Margins (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Spacing (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 First page of content (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**B. CONTENT (40 points)**

 Clear introduction with thesis statement (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Thesis and outline page (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Accurate information includes length (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Orderly paragraph development (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 No first person (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Does content follow outline (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Clear conclusion (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**C. MECHANICS/USAGE (25 points)**

 Punctuation (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Spelling/capitalization (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Sentence structure (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Verb tense (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Agreement (Pronoun/verb) (5)

**Thesis** - Clearly and concisely states the paper’s purpose in a single sentence, which is engaging, and thought provoking.

**Introduction** – Includes a grabber, a few details to explain the topic, and ends with thesis statement underlined

**Accuracy of content** – length is **AT LEAST 5 FULL** pages, with no misinformation and covers the topic completely according to instructions.

**Orderly Paragraph** – begins with clear introductory sentence, and includes a logical sequence of ideas to develop the main idea

**Conclusion** - summarizes main points and restates thesis. NO NEW INFORMATION.