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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.