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Research Paper Topic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| CATEGORY | **15-20** | **10-15** | **5-10** | **0-5** |
| **Mechanics** | No grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors. Paper is organized | Almost no grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors | A few grammatical spelling, or punctuation errors | Many grammatical, spelling,  or punctuation errors |
| **Quality of Information** | Information clearly relates to the main topic. It includes several supporting details and/or examples. | Information clearly relates to the main topic. It provides 1-2 supporting details and/or examples. | Information clearly relates to the main topic. No details and/or examples are given. | Information has little or  nothing to do with  the main topic. |
| **Amount of Information** | All topics are addressed and all questions answered with at least 2 sentences about each. At least 3 pages | All topics are addressed and most questions answered with at least 2 sentences about each. | All topics are addressed, and most questions answered with 1 sentence about each. | One or more  topics were not addressed. |
| **Guidelines & Time on Task** | Follows all guidelines (see bottom of page for guidelines)  Student used all allotted class time appropriately. | Follows most guidelines  Student used most of allotted class time appropriately. | Follows some guidelines  Student used some of allotted class time appropriately. | Follows few guidelines  Student used little  of allotted class  time appropriately. |
| **Sources** | All sources (information and graphics) are accurately documented in the desired format. | All sources (information and graphics) are accurately documented, but a few are not in the desired format. | All sources (information and graphics) are accurately documented, but many are not in the desired format. | Some sources are  not accurately documented. |

**Guidelines**

-Includes a Title Page

-Includes 3-5 pages of text

-If includes pictures, then must include at least 3 pages of text

-The paper must have internal citations or the paper is considered plagiarized.

-You must summarize and paraphrase.

**-Due on Thursday, September 26th**

-Must be typed, double spaced, 12 font, Times New Roman

-If you must hand write the paper (which I do not recommend), it must be at least 900 words.

-includes a thesis statement

-thesis statement

a short statement, usually one sentence, that summarizes the main point or claim of an essay, research paper, etc., and is developed, supported, and explained in the text by means of examples and evidence.