**Research Paper and Research Presentation Rubric**

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| **Total: /40** |  |
| **Category** |  | **General Description** |
| **Thesis** | /5  | 🡪 The thesis is clearly stated at the beginning of the essay and is restated when necessary.🡪 The thesis presents an overall, unified, and insightful interpretation of the text(s).🡪 The thesis contains a specific subject and an arguable claim..🡪 The paper’s introduction fully engages readers and prepares them for the thesis statement. The thesis statement answers the research question. |
| **Organization and development of ideas** | /10 | 🡪 The paper’s main points are introduced and explained thoroughly. 🡪 All main points flow from idea to the next in a coherent, logical way.🡪 Each paragraph has a clear focus and structure; each paragraph directly connects to the thesis.  |
| **Argument** | /10 | 🡪 The argument is well structured, and all grounds are fully supported by relevant evidence and analysis. 🡪 Thorough explanations of grounds and evidence are provided.🡪 Paragraphing is well done and cues readers to the argument’s logical structure. 🡪 The conclusion follows logically from the essay’s argument and provides readers with thought-provoking closure.. |
| **Integration**  | /5 | 🡪 Academic sources are introduced and used appropriately to support the writer’s argument and thesis.🡪 At least five credible academic sources are well integrated, not merely summarized.. .  |
| **Source Documentation and formatting** | /5 | 🡪 All references to sources have proper APA format. 🡪 All in text citations have proper APA format.🡪 Proper attribution is provides (citing) for summarizing ideas as well as paraphrasing.🡪 The paper is typed, double-spaced, and has proper headings. |
| **Grammar & Mechanics** | /5 | 🡪 A few technical mistakes are made, but they are not distracting. No major problems with sentence structure, use of punctuation, run-ons, or other concerns (e.g. subject-verb agreement). |