**RESEARCH PAPER #1 GRADING RUBRIC**

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| **CONTENT**  Intro:  **Hook** (interesting and specific and illustrating the debate)  **Background** about the debates around your ?  **A research question that is**:  **Debatable**  **Measurable/testable**  **Social Science ?**  **Specific**  Body paragraphs:  Have topic sentences that clearly tell the reader what argument the paragraph will be looking at.  Cover both sides of two major debates surrounding the central question using scholarly sources. **Sources should:**  **Meet the 3 A criteria or are reliable (Domain, Authority, Currency, Bias, Origin, Functionality)** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3E6tCvjtawM**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3E6tCvjtawM)  Quotes need to be clearly introduced with:  **Author name**  **Source name**  **A brief summary of the text’s central WHAT**  **A set-up of the quote’s specific argument**  AND cited appropriately (quote marks and in-text citations)  Paragraphs need at least 1-2 quotes each 🡪 every claim made needs support with scholarly evidence.  Conclusion should summarize main points **and** present a thesis for an upcoming argument paper. | **ORGANIZATION**  **T** opic Sentence  **E** xample/evidence  **A**nalysis  **S**ummary/**E**nd  **Smooth transitions** between paragraph ideas. | **MECHANICS**  Commas  Verb tenses 🡪 need to stay consistent  Spelling and capitalization  Using “we” or “you” to refer to your audience 🡪 too general  Vague pronoun usage |