

Culminating Project Research Paper Assessment		<b>REQUIRED! ENGLISH</b>			
Student: _____ Date: _____		<b>FINAL DUE: March 25, 2010</b>		Meets standard	Exceeds standard
Evaluator: _____		Does not meet standard			
<b>Purpose</b>		0-5	6-7	8-10	
<p><i>The paper easily and recognizably communicates the assigned purpose and:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is clear and focused</li> <li>• States a central idea that controls the entire paper</li> <li>• Demonstrates awareness of audience</li> </ul>					
<b>Information</b>		0-17	18-26	27-30	
<p><i>The paper provides adequate and appropriate information to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support arguments with examples, reasons, statistics, and research</li> <li>• Discuss opposing arguments and refute them</li> <li>• Uses specific, relevant details and examples to support the central idea</li> <li>• Supplies details proportionate to their importance to the central idea</li> <li>• Uses accurate information</li> <li>• References sources with parenthetical/internal citations</li> </ul>					
<b>Organization</b>		0-11	12-17	18-20	
<p><i>The writer organizes content to develop the topic in a logical and easy-to-follow manner.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engages audience in inviting introduction</li> <li>• Arranges material in a clear, logical and effective order</li> <li>• Divides topic into paragraphs tied together smoothly so that the reader can see connections</li> <li>• Concludes with a satisfying sense of resolution or an appropriate and effective ending</li> </ul>					
<b>Sentence Fluency/Structure</b>		0-5	6-7	8-10	
<p><i>Sentences are well-built with consistently strong and varied structure.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses a variety of simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences</li> <li>• Varies sentence length</li> <li>• Uses structure to clearly and effectively enhance meaning</li> <li>• Uses concise sentences; avoids wordiness</li> </ul>					
<b>Word Choice</b>		0-5	6-7	8-10	
<p><i>Words convey the message in an interesting, precise, and natural way. The writing is full and rich, yet concise.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Words are precise, appropriate, and varied</li> <li>• Expression is fresh and appealing; slang, clichés, and repetition are used sparingly</li> <li>• Energetic verbs give the writing vigor</li> </ul>					
<b>Conventions</b>		0-5	6-7	8-10	
<p><i>Errors in writing conventions tend to be few; minor editing may be required</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses correct punctuation and spelling</li> <li>• Grammar and usage are correct and contribute to clarity and style</li> <li>• Paper is long enough to demonstrate skills in using a wide range of conventions</li> </ul>					
<b>Specific Requirements</b>		0-5	6-7	8-10	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-7 pages (excluding table of contents, bibliography, appendixes)</li> <li>• 12 point, Times or Times Roman</li> <li>• Double spaced, no extra spaces between paragraphs</li> <li>• All pages numbered at the bottom of each page</li> <li>• Works Cited page properly formatted with a minimum of 6 sources</li> </ul>					

*All traits "meet standard"* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Passed*

*All traits "do not meet standard"* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Needs improvement*