

Master Speech Research Paper Rubric

	Statement of Purpose/Focus	Organization	MLA Formatting	Conventions
4	<p>The paper is completely focused, through the use of a concise and informative claim. This claim is fully sustained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claim is clearly stated, and is focused and informative. Any opposing claims are clearly addressed, through rebuttals The claim is introduced and communicated in a context that makes sense, including the use of a hook. 	<p>The paper has a clear and effective organizational structure, creating unity, completeness and an excellent flow of information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective, consistent use of a variety of transitional strategies (Data Starters) Logical progression of connected ideas from beginning to end Commentaries on quotes help the quote support the claim and purpose 	<p>The paper utilizes clear, properly formatted quotes and citations. The overall paper formatting is clearly in line with the MLA formatting standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chosen quotes are cited perfectly within the MLA standards “Works Cited” citations are properly formatted and organized Overall paper format is MLA standard (Heading, paging, titles, margins, fonts, and spacing) 	<p>The paper demonstrates a strong command of English language conventions, including: grammar, punctuation, syntax, and spelling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few, if any, errors are present in usage and sentence formation Effective and consistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
3	<p>The paper is mostly focused through the use of a claim. The claim is adequately sustained throughout the paper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claim is mostly clear, and maintained. Opposing claims are addressed, but all of them may not be rebutted or rebutted well. The claim is introduced and communicated in a context that mostly makes sense, though the hook may not be the most interesting 	<p>The paper has evident organizational structure, creating a sense of unity, completeness and a connected flow of information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets but does not exceed use of transitional strategies with some variety (Data Starters) There is a progression of connected ideas from beginning to end Commentaries on quotes somewhat support the claim and purpose. 	<p>The paper provides formatted quotes and citations. The overall paper formatting is mostly within the MLA formatting standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chosen quotes are cited closely to the MLA standards “Works Cited” citations have very few errors in formatting Overall paper format closely resembles MLA standard 	<p>The paper demonstrates adequate command of English language conventions, including: grammar, punctuation, syntax, and spelling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some errors in usage and sentence formation may be present, but not systematic pattern of errors is displayed Adequate use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
2	<p>The paper is somewhat focused, through the use an unclear claim. There may be some drift in the writer’s thoughts, causing the claim to not be fully sustained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be clearly focused on the claim, but it is insufficiently sustained Hook may be uninteresting and the context is inadequate Or The claim on the issue is unclear and unfocused Or the rebuttal is weak or not supported. Hook may be non-existent 	<p>The paper has an inconsistent organizational strategy, and there is little sense of unity, completeness and flow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inconsistent use of transitional strategies with little variety Uneven, or illogical, progression of ideas, that may not seem connected Commentaries are inconsistent in their support of the claim and purpose. 	<p>The paper provides quotes and citations but may not have enough to meet the purpose of the paper. The overall paper formatting may not be MLA standard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chosen quotes are quoted but not necessarily cited properly “Works Cited” citations have several errors in formatting Paper is formatted well, but does not follow MLA standard 	<p>The paper demonstrates partial command of English language conventions, including: grammar, punctuation, syntax, and spelling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent errors in usage and sentence formation may be present, which also obscure the meaning Inadequate use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling May be too brief to determine the student’s ability
1	<p>The paper is unfocused with an unclear claim. The claim is completely vague where the writer’s thoughts are confusing an insufficiently sustained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claim is not present. Hook is not present or not accurate. Rebuttal is not present 	<p>The paper has little or no discernable organization, and little or no sense of unity, completeness and flow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few or no transitional strategies are evident Ideas that are not connected, intrude into the paper Commentaries on quotes are not present or do not help support the claim and purpose 	<p>The paper does not provide enough quotes and citations. The overall paper formatting may not be MLA standard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quotes may be missing, or not cited at all “Works Cited” citations are nearly unrecognizable in formatting Formatting of the paper meets very few of the expectations, if any. 	<p>The paper demonstrates a lack of command for the English language conventions, including: grammar, punctuation, syntax, and spelling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Errors are frequent and severe; the meaning of the paper is often obscured as a result
0	-----Paper is not able to be scored----- Not turned in, not enough to score, or writing failed to follow the prompt and is off topic			

