

Senior Social Research Project Essay Rubric

Student Name: _____ Period: _____

SSRP Topic: _____

For a D (all 1-4 must be checked):

- ___ 1. 4 authoritative sources: 3 must be scholarly online database sources, 1 may be a *credible* Internet source.
- ___ 2. Thesis statement for entire paper and topic sentences for each supporting paragraph are present and clear.
- ___ 3. Specific evidence is used in each supporting section.
- ___ 4. Paper is completely typed, paginated, easy to read, and includes appropriate source citation form and a Works Cited page. Documentation is accurate and proper.

For a C (all 1-11 must be checked):

- ___ 5. 6 authoritative sources: 4 must be scholarly online database sources, 2 may be a *credible* Internet source or interview.
- ___ 6. Introduction, supporting paragraphs & conclusion are clear and reasonably organized. The textual evidence & analytic comments within most of the supporting paragraphs are also reasonably well organized.
- ___ 7. Adequate specific evidence (avg. of 2-3 citations from source material in each supporting section) included. Evidence is relevant and is accompanied by necessary analytic commentary.
- ___ 8. Source citations and bibliographic forms are correct.
- ___ 9. The entire paper is mechanically competent (there are few errors) [[L]] [[SEP]]
- ___ 10. An adequate Title and Hook are included. [[L]] [[SEP]]
- ___ 11. Each new section has a transition where necessary.

For a B (all 1-18 must be checked):

- ___ 12. 7 authoritative sources: 5 must be scholarly online database sources, 2 may be *credible* Internet sources or interviews.
- ___ 13. Organization of the entire paper – and each section within it – is virtually always clear, smooth and rhetorically effective (chronological; from least to most important; or from most obvious to most subtle/sophisticated – depending on what the context calls for).
- ___ 14. Evidence from all sources is used rigorously throughout the entire paper (each supporting section averages 3-4 source citations). Direct quotes are used effectively, and all evidence cited is integrated smoothly into the ongoing analytic commentary.
- ___ 15. Style is reasonably clear and concise, never distracting the reader from the analytic point being made.
- ___ 16. Title, Hook, and Concluding Device (with a reference back to the Hook) are all relevant and smoothly integrated from the analytic point being made.
- ___ 17. The entire paper is virtually free of any mechanical errors.
- ___ 18. Analytic Content reflects clear thinking, careful integration of research, and full understanding of subject.

For an A (all 1-21 must be checked):

___ 19. Style (i.e., diction, syntax, imagery, allusion, tone) is lucid, graceful and masterful throughout the paper.

___ 20. All "Essay Polishing Devices" (Title, Hook, Concluding Device, Transitions, Quote Integrations) are flawlessly handled and enhance the effectiveness of the total paper.

___ 21. The Analysis (expressed by the intellectual quality of the thesis, the conceptual organization of the subject, the handling of sources, and the analytical commentary) truly "extends, deepens and illuminates" the significance of the paper's subject.

MECHANICS: Circled items indicate problems.

Spelling Paraphrasing Sentence Structure Quote Marks Verb Tenses

Punctuation (apostrophes, titles, capitalization, commas, _____)

Subj.-Verb Agreement Faulty Reference/Misplaced Modifiers Typos

Inadequate margins/spacing Other:

STYLE: Circled items indicate problems.

Imprecise/simplistic/verbose word choice Awkward/unclear sentence structure

Excess Verbiage Monotonous/simplistic sentences Usage Errors

Unnecessary – Passives/Prepositional Phrases/Empty Verbs/Nominalizations

"This + no noun...." Quote Integration

COMMENTS:

Content Grade: _____

Format Grade: _____

FINAL SENIOR SOCIAL RESEARCH PAPER GRADE: _____