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180-200 = A 160-179 = B 140-159 = C 120-139 = D

Research Paper Rubric

Turned in on time (-20 per day) _____

Title: interesting & creative? (10)

Format: (10)

- name and page # - upper right (2)
- heading- correct, double-spaced (6)
- paragraphs- indented (-10)
- white paper only (-4)
- Times New Roman 12 (2)
- margins 1" (-10)
- double-spaced (-10)

Introduction: (20)

- Does it set the stage w/the attention grabber? (3)
- ...Give general info on author's life? (3)
- ...Introduce the author & novel? (2)
- Does thesis make a statement that covers the three main ideas: influences/obstacles, social issues, & theme of novel? (10)
- Follow outline taught? (2)
- Clear writing and smooth transitioning (flow)? (-4)

Body 1: (40) Influences & Obstacles

- Does topic sentence state main point? (10)
- Do sub-points help connect the evidence? (4)
- Does evidence support topic sentence? (10)
- Does the writer introduce the evidence (IQ)? (4)
- Is the evidence documented properly MLA format? (-4 if not)
- Does the commentary explain the evidence? (10)
- Are there at least 5 sentences? (-5 if not)
- Is writing clear and cohesive throughout? (-4)
- Transitional words, phrases, or sentences? (2)

Body 2: (40) Social Issue/s

- Does topic sentence state main point? (10)
- Do sub-points help connect the evidence? (4)
- Does evidence support topic sentence? (10)
- Does the writer introduce the evidence (IQ)? (4)
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- Is writing clear and cohesive throughout? (-4)
- Transitional words, phrases, or sentences? (2)

Body 3: (40) Theme of Novel

- Does topic sentence state main point? (10)
- Do sub-points help connect the evidence? (4)
- Does evidence support topic sentence? (10)
- Does the writer introduce the evidence (IQ)? (4)
- Is the evidence documented properly MLA format? (-4 if not)
- Does the commentary explain the evidence? (10)
- Are there at least 5 sentences? (-5 if not)
- Is writing clear and cohesive throughout? (-4)
- Transitional words, phrases, or sentences? (2)

Conclusion: (20)

- Does the conclusion restate the thesis differently? (6)
- General info on author? (4)
- Summarize body paragraphs?(6)
- Recommendation for readers? (4)
- Clear writing? (-4)

Works Cited page (20)

- Title centered, on new page, page numbered? (-5)
- Are hanging indentions and double spacing used properly? (5)
- Are all the sources used (and only those used) listed on the page?(5)
- Are underline, comma, period, quotation marks, & capitals correct? (5)
- Are the entries in alphabetical order and is each entry in proper order? (5)

Technical Errors: (-4 each/40 max) Total ____

Simple sentences		Capitalization	
Awkward/unclear		" " or __ titles	
Fragment		Punctuation	
Fused Sent		Informal lang.	
Comma Splice		1 st person use	
Run-on		2 nd person use	
Spelling errors		Word choice	

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