Requirement	Exemplary / points possible	Evident / points possible	Barely Evident / points possible	Not Evident / points possible
Paper length is between 3 and 5 pages	5 points	3-4 points	1-2 points	0 points
Paper follows MLA format (proper heading, centered title, double-spaced)	5 points	3-4 points	1-2 points	0 points
Paper is not plagiarized (EVERYTHING is cited, direct quotes have quotation marks, citations are correctly formatted, works cited page is the last page of the paper)	25 points	13-24 points	1-12 points	0 points
Thesis statement is the last sentence in introductory paragraph	5 points	3-4 points	1-2 points	0 points
Body paragraphs have one topic	5 points	3-4 points	1-2 points	0 points
Paragraphs have an introductory sentence and a conclusion sentence that relate to each other and properly sum up the topic of that paragraph	10 points	5-9 points	1-4 points	0 points
Conclusion paragraph has restated thesis, no new information, connects body paragraphs	5 points	3-4 points	1-2 points	0 points
Paragraphs help prove thesis	5 points	3-4 points	1-2 points	0 points
Paper is the result of research, not writer's opinion	5 points	3-4 points	1-2 points	0 points
Sentences are connected and interesting (rather than boring or choppy)	5 points	3-4 points	1-2 points	0 points
Edited final draft using rough drafts	5 points	3-4 points	1-2 points	0 points
Correct grammar (especially verb tenses), punctuation (especially NO run-ons), and spelling	20 points	10-19 points	1-9 points	0 points
Sub-total Points (100 possible)				

Total points earned: _____/100 Teacher comments: