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Research Paper Scoring Rubric

Ideas	Points 1–10
Has a well-developed thesis that conveys a perspective on the subject	
Poses relevant and tightly drawn questions about the topic; excludes extraneous details and inappropriate information	
Records important ideas, concepts, and direct quotations from a variety of reliable and appropriate information sources	
Paraphrases and summarizes various perspectives on the topic	
Total (/40)	

Organization	Points 1–10
Ideas are logically grouped and sequenced within paragraphs and across parts of the paper	
Documents resources (e.g., bibliography, footnotes, or endnotes) and avoids plagiarism	
Organizes and displays information on charts, maps, and/or graphs	
Total (/30)	

Style	Points 1–10
Engages the reader (hook) and develops reader interest by establishing context	
The writer's voice is distinctive; word choice is varied and precise throughout	
Sentences are varied in structure and length; errors are minor and infrequent	
Total (/30)	

Grand Total ____/100