

Rubric for APA Papers: Research Report

Format The paper should have **four** major sections: the **Title Page, Abstract, Main Body, and References**. The title page should include the running head, title, and your name in APA format. Abstract is a brief summary of your topic (1 paragraph). The content portion is expected to be 5 pages in length. The font should be printed in size 10 or 12, double-spaced, 1 inch margins, printed on only one side of each sheet. Sources/Resources must be sited in alphabetical order in APA format: <http://mrskingsbioweb.com/PSL/APAFormat.pdf>

Due: November 5, 2010

Points taken off for late papers

	Exemplar 4	Acceptable 3	Limited 2	Deficient 1	Non-Exemplar 0	Total
Construction	Title Page, Abstract, Main Body (5 pgs), and References -APA format -Double spacing, 1" margins 10-12 pt. font	Content: 4 pages -Missing one of the main sections -APA format -Double spacing, 1" margins 10-12 pt. font	Content:3 pages -Missing two of the main sections - Improper spacing or font size	Content: 2 pages - Improper spacing or font size -pictures take up majority of paper	Content: 1 page -incomplete	
Subject of paper	Research based science topic. -Paper maintained focus on selected topic	Research based science topic. -¾ of the time paper maintained focus on selected topic	Paper touched on the selected topic; - half was tangential material	Vaguely science related. - less than half was tangential material	Not science related	
Quality of Paper	Summarize the articles in own words -Used high-level wording (Costa's Levels)	Summarize the articles in your own words. -Used mid-level wording (Costa's Levels)	Summarize the articles in your own words. -Used low-level wording (Costa's Levels)	Paraphrased from the articles and did not use your own words	Paper is primarily copy and paste Difficult to understand or follow	
Resources	5 references -complete with author name, etc. in alpha order. - APA Format Quote important points.	4 references - with author name, etc. in alpha order - APA Format Quote important points.	3 references -with author name - APA Format - Not in alpha order Quote important points	1 -2 references -Incomplete references or website links only - Not APA format	No references No format	
grammar & spelling	No spelling or grammatical errors. -Written in 3 rd person	Minimal spelling or grammatical errors -Written in 3 rd person	Minimal spelling or grammatical errors - Not written in 3 rd person	Student uses poor grammar and spelling (5-6 errors/page) - Not written in 3 rd person	Student uses very poor grammar (>6 errors/page) - Not written in 3 rd person	
					<i>100 possible points</i>	
Plagiarism = zero on paper					Subtotal x 5	
					Total Score	

Teacher Comments: