**Rubric/Checklist for Research Paper: 25% of the grade**

\_\_\_\_\_-25/100 Length: 1350 words – 1850 words (**approx**. 4.5 pgs to 6 pgs)

\_\_\_\_\_-a letter grade Turned in to turnitin.com (needs to be doc or rtf format)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10 Heading and title (should state more than the topic & catch reader’s attention)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 25 Grammar: Run-On, Frag., S-V agreement, Spelling, Apostrophe, that-who, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 15 Hook (interesting and creative but not question format or random quote)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 25 Thesis (begin with transition, no announcing, list topics)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 50 MEAL plan/paragraph organization (paragraph unity): topic sentences that are **NOT** facts or quotes or questions, examples, analysis that explains why 7 how & because, concluding sentence

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10 Tone and professional and academic voice (3rd person and **not** first person, no announcing (this quote shows, I believe this essay states, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10 Purpose is shown and clear

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10 Conclusion (no new info & begin with transition, brief summary)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 40 20% Rule & Secondary Sources = 4+ (but 75% of paper should be YOUR own words and not just cut-and-paste quotes)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 15 At least one primary source (somehow thesis should be tied to book)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10 In Text Citations: MLA Parenthetical, author & page # plus italics vs quotations

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20 Works Cited (need author, title, publisher and copy right to be a good source! Don’t forget italics vs quoting, alphabetical order by author last name and hanging indents!)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 15 2nd person you (use CONTROL +F to avoid this!)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10 Sentence Variation and transitions

Plagiarism or Collusion = **-250 Points**

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