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Research Paper Scoring Rubric

Category One: Supporting Paragraphs

- 3 Points: You have excellent supporting paragraphs which elaborate on each reason. The paragraphs each contain at least two citations (quotes) from three different sources with strong elaboration.
- 2 Points: You have good supporting paragraphs which elaborate on each reason. The paragraphs each contain at least two citations (quotes) from three different sources with good elaboration.
- 1 Point: You have fair supporting paragraphs which elaborate on each reason. The paragraphs each contain at least one citation (quote) from two sources with fair elaboration.
- 0 Point: You have poor supporting paragraphs. The paragraphs have weak elaboration, and/or your paragraphs are missing citations.

Your score: _____

Category Two: MLA Formatting

- 3 Points: Your essay has excellent MLA formatting. It has zero or one error both in the citations and in the Works Cited; it has no plagiarism; and it is free of opinion being used as fact.
- 2 Points: Your essay has good MLA formatting. It is mostly free of errors both in the citations and in the Works Cited; it has no plagiarism; and it is free of opinion being used as fact.
- 1 Point: Your essay has fair MLA formatting. It has some errors either in the citations and/or in the Works Cited; it has no plagiarism; and it is mostly free of opinion being used as fact.
- 0 Point: Your essay has poor MLA formatting. It has many errors both in the citations or in the Works Cited; it has no plagiarism; and/or it has some opinion being used as fact. Or your essay has plagiarism.

Your score: _____

Category Three: Holistic Score

Holistic Scoring of the essay, from 1-6:

Your score: _____

Late? Take off one grade for each day: _____

Your point total: _____

Grade Scale:

Point Total	Grade	Point Total	Grade	Point Total	Grade
12	A+	7	B-	2	D
11	A	6	C+	1	D-
10	A-	5	C	0	F
9	B+	4	C-		
8	B	3	D+		

Your Grade: _____