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RESEARCH PAPER EVALUATION

The items checked below are those, which need to be improved.

PRESENTATION (MLA format)

- One-inch margins
- Double-space throughout
- Half-inch indent for first line of all paragraphs
- Correct heading
- 12 point Times New Roman

UNITY

- Adequately limited focus
- Clear thesis statement
- Topic sentences help prove thesis
- Information is relevant to your thesis

Introduction

- Gripping opening sentence/hook
- Smooth transition between hook & thesis

Conclusion

- Thesis restated in light of your argument
- Effective conclusion- not a simple summary of paper

COHESION

- Clear/logical organization
- Clear topic sentences in all paragraphs
- Effective concluding sentences(where needed)

Transitions (clear connections)

- Within paragraphs/ between paragraphs
- Between paragraphs & thesis
- Between your writing and cited material

SUPPORT

- Convincing evidence for thesis & topic sentences
- Relevant information to thesis
- Current sources(when appropriate)
- Add a source of this type for balance:
- __journal __newspaper __magazine __book __Internet
- Credibility of Internet source uncertain
- Effective balance of paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting
- At least two citations per body paragraph
- Context provided for all borrowed material, always mentioning the author by name in your text (not only in parenthetical citations)

DOCUMENTATION OF SOURCES

- Documentation of all paraphrases, summaries, and quotations (anytime you use someone else's words, ideas, or information)
- Correct MLA parenthetical-citation format

Format of MLA "Works Cited Page(s) (Bibliography)

- Use alphabetical order
- Use MLA format for citing:
- __ journals __ newspapers __magazines __ books __ Internet
- One-inch margins_ "Works Cited" at top
- Underlining needed
- Hanging indent for all entries with 2 or more lines
- Double-space all entries

EDITING

- Wordiness
- Awkward wording
- Redundant
- Key terms not defined
- Avoid clichés
- Avoid slang
- Avoid use of "you"/"your"
- Vague language

Sentence Skills

- Avoid fragments
- Avoid "run-ons"
- Make sure subjects & verbs agree
- Spelling Issues to Review & Correct