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Due Fri May 15

Northwest Nazarene University

Topic _____

Grading Rubric for ENGL 1020 Research Project

1. Select an issue/ topic that will continue to face your generation over the next decade. **You will need to argue for a solution or explain what should be done about the issue.** Be sure that the topic you select has enough scope to write an effective paper but is not so broad it would be impossible to cover in a 5-7 page paper. (For example, Climate Change is quite broad but Renewable Energy Sources is more focused.)
2. Write an argumentative research paper— a 5-7 page paper that includes a minimum of 5 sources; at least one of them must be a scholarly article from JSTOR. All 5 must be used in the paper.
3. One of the sources should be or contain a visual you will reference in your paper. (Include the visual by cutting and pasting it with a reference into the body of your essay; provide a citation in your works cited.)
4. The paper should include a works cited page and appropriate in-text documentation consistent with MLA.
5. Remember, no argument is complete unless it addresses at least one counter argument.

CEW. 4A Develops paragraphs that include a claim and evidence supporting that claim.				
No evidence	I cannot develop paragraphs that include claims and evidence supporting those claims.	I can develop paragraphs that include claims but I struggle to provide sufficient evidence.	I can develop paragraphs that include clear claims with sufficient evidence supporting those claims.	I can develop paragraphs that include claims with sufficient and varied evidence supporting those claims.
CEW.4B Write a thesis statement that requires proof or defense and that may preview the structure of the argument.				
No evidence	I cannot write a thesis that requires proof or defense. I make only statements of fact or definition, and may struggle to stay on topic.	With help, I can write a thesis that requires proof or defense and sometimes it previews the structure of the argument. I am able to stay on topic.	I can write a focused thesis statement that requires proof or defense and previews the structure of the argument.	I can write a nuanced thesis statement that requires defense, reflects the purpose and provides a preview of the argument.
CEW. 4C Qualify a claim using modifiers, counterarguments, or alternative perspectives.				
No evidence	I cannot/ do not provide counterarguments or alternative perspectives.	I can attempt to qualify a claim using counterarguments, or alternative perspectives.	I can qualify a claim using counterarguments, or alternative perspectives.	I can thoroughly qualify a claim by discussing a variety of counterarguments and perspectives.
ROW.6C.ES Use appropriate methods of development to advance an argument.				
No evidence	I cannot use appropriate methods of development to advance an argument	With help, I can provide some evidence to advance an argument. It may be off topic, oversimplified or less fitting for the situation.	I can provide methods of development appropriate to the topic, including citing examples from a text, to advance an argument.	I can provide methods of development to advance an argument which include evidence from a variety of sources (author background and examples from text).
STW.8B.ES Write sentences that clearly convey ideas and arguments.				
No evidence	I cannot write sentences that clearly convey ideas and arguments.	I attempt to use established methods of grammar and mechanics, but even with computer tools, and support I end up with errors and omissions in citations.	I can use established conventions of grammar and mechanics – including parenthetical citations and a works cited-to communicate clearly and effectively.	I use established conventions of grammar and mechanics- including a variety of in text and parenthetical citations and an accurate works cited list to communicate clearly and effectively.
STW. 8C.ES Use established conventions of grammar and mechanics –including citations-to communicate clearly and effectively. Provide a complete and accurate MLA Works Cited.				
No evidence	I cannot/ do not use established methods of grammar and mechanics- including citations to communicate clearly and effectively.	I attempt to use established methods of grammar and mechanics, but even with computer tools, and support I end up with errors and omissions in citations.	I can use established conventions of grammar and mechanics – including parenthetical citations and a works cited-to communicate clearly and effectively.	I use established conventions of grammar and mechanics- including a variety of in text and parenthetical citations and an accurate works cited list to communicate clearly and effectively.

GRADE _____ The letter grade is based not only on the specific aspects of the paper listed above but also on the general quality and readability of the writing as determined by the professor.