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**Research Paper Grade Form**

*Handbook of Grammar and Composition*

Grade the research paper according to the following criteria. In the blank, write the number of points given for each category. Total the score and write the grade at the bottom of the page.

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**Content** (60 points)

1. Does the paper develop the statement of purpose?
2. Interesting introduction (includes thesis or statement of purpose)
3. Definite conclusion (restates thesis or purpose)
4. Well-organized body
  - a. Unity, coherence, and emphasis in paragraphs
  - b. Correctness, clarity, and effectiveness in sentences
  - c. Smooth transitions between paragraphs
  - d. Use of vivid verbs and concrete nouns
  - e. Questionnaire and interview information included

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**Mechanics** (40 points)

1. Grammar
2. Spelling, punctuation, and capitalization
3. Format (where applicable)
  - a. Page sequence—title page, pledge page, outline, body (final draft), list of works cited
  - b. Length (1,000 words)
  - c. Margins, page numbers, overall appearance
  - d. Preliminary work included—bibliography cards, note cards, outline, first draft, rewritten draft, and edited rewritten draft

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**Folder/overall appearance of the project**  
(optional, 5 points possible)

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**Total Points**

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**Grade**