

2026 Adv. Honors English I Research Paper Final Rubric

Name _____

Period _____

Checklist (bring all materials on the due date; we will put it all together in class)

Turn in all of the following **in order** in your 9"x12" envelope (which I will give you in class):

1. This grade sheet (which I will provide you) with your name filled out **neatly** in blue or black ink
2. Outline
3. Research paper with highlighted thesis, topic sentences, and documentation (we'll highlight these in class)
4. Works Cited page (numbered as the last page of the paper)
5. Source Cards **that you used** in same order as Works Cited sheet (paper clipped)
6. Note Cards **that you used** numbered and stacked in same order as used in paper (paper clipped)
7. Printouts of sources **that you used** with cited passages circled and numbered (we'll do this in class)

_____ out of 5 points	Checklist complete
_____ out of 5 points	Creative title (reflects stance and conclusion)
_____ out of 10 points	Thesis _____ (2) includes topic (takes a strong stance) _____ (5) includes relevant points _____ (3) grammar/parallelism
_____ out of 20 points	Outline _____ (3) thesis matches outline _____ (7) format (numbering, alignment, etc.) _____ (7) organization (esp. concession par.) _____ (3) grammar/spelling/parallelism
_____ out of 15 points	Paper Format _____ (3) heading and title _____ (3) page numbers _____ (4) font size and style _____ (5) indentation/spacing/margins
_____ out of 10 points	Quotation 1 (4 lines or fewer) _____ (4) smooth lead-in _____ (3) appropriateness, length, accuracy _____ (3) punctuation
_____ out of 10 points	Quotation 2 (4 lines or fewer) _____ (4) smooth lead-in _____ (3) appropriateness, length, accuracy _____ (3) punctuation
_____ out of 20 points	Internal Documentation _____ (10) appropriate information _____ (10) punctuation, format, and variety
_____ out of 10 points	Wording of Paraphrases (at least 10) _____ (10) accuracy and rephrasing
_____ out of 60 points	Paper _____ (8) follows outline _____ (6) introduction attention-getting general topic narrowing to thesis _____ (6) topic sentences _____ (6) concluding sentences _____ (10) smooth flow of thought and syntactic variety _____ (15) points logically supported by research (development) _____ (4) conclusion *restates main points (without mere repetition) *striking ending _____ (5) grammar/mechanics (esp. PT, RS-CS, frag., SVA, PRA, "you")

_____ out of 30 points	Works Cited _____ (3) alphabetized _____ (3) hanging indent _____ (8) database format _____ (8) website format _____ (8) print format
_____ out of 5 points	Neatness (no extra marks, printing errors, or printing on back of paper)

Penalties

- Works Cited entries not cited in paper, or cited sources not on Works Cited page (5-20 point penalty)
- Paper does not cite at least 5 sources (-30 for each one missing)
- Paper does not cite at least one print, one internet, and one database source (-60 points)
- Printouts incomplete or in a different format than cited (penalty varies; 10 point minimum)
- Unreliable/inappropriate sources (penalty varies; -20 points at least for each source)
- Note cards (at least 12 that are used in the paper) missing or not verbatim from source (-3 for each missing card)
- More than two quotations (-6 for each)
- Misuse of sources (penalty varies)
 - a. Plagiarism: information not documented
 - b. Plagiarism: quotations not indicated as quotations
 - c. Plagiarism: paraphrases not reworded or not cited
 - d. Sources misrepresented in paper
- Paper does not stick to topic (or lapses into summary) or does not have three paragraphs that support the stance (penalty varies)
- Does not meet length requirement of at least three FULL typed pages (penalty varies)
- Excessive grammatical or formatting errors (penalty varies)
- The word "critics" should not be used in thesis, topic sent., or concluding sent. (-2 for each)
- Lateness (-40 points for every day it is late)

Points

_____ **Total**

- _____ **Penalties**

Total points _____ **out of 200**

Note: I will **not grade** papers that are missing **any** of the following: documentation (parenthetical citations/works cited), note cards, source cards, or printouts of sources. I will return your paper, and you will have to resubmit it for a late grade.