

Milestone #3 – Research Paper Preliminary Draft – Feedback

Area	A	B	C	D	NOT YET PASSING (F)
Grammar and Style (Level of Writing / Discussion)	Excellent -- Solid writing and very few major grammar errors	Good -- Solid writing and a few major grammar errors	Acceptable -- Mostly readable -- some major and minor errors	Fair -- Many stylistic errors but basically readable	Poor -- Too many stylistic errors prevent basic readability
Argument / Development / Flow	Excellent -- A clearly argued thesis with different points of view recognized (counterargument)	Good -- A clearly argued thesis with multiple sources / may be a few confusing passages	Acceptable -- There is a thesis and you do use some sources to back up what you say -- may not be clear control of sources or any sense of multiple viewpoints	Fair -- There is a thesis, but many confusing sections in your evidence -- draft is too short	Poor -- The essay is extremely off-topic or very disorganized -- or your draft is just too short
Number of Sources in Works Cited	7-9 <i>Higher quality sources (responsible Library databases / high-quality journalism / scholarly articles / book chapter)</i>	5-7	5 <i>Lower quality sources (from search engines / open Internet / 'random' online articles)</i>	4	<=3
Number of Sources Discussed and Cited in Your Paper	5 - 7	5	4	4	<=3
Paper Length	6 - 7 pages (1,500-1750 words)	6 - 7 pages (1,500 words minimum)	5 - 6 pages (1,250 words minimum)	4 pages (1,100 words minimum)	< 4 pages (< 1,100 words)
Works Cited Page	YES	YES	YES	YES	MISSING or NO ATTEMPT MADE TO CREATE VALID MLA CITATIONS
Plagiarism?	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Cites in Text for Quotes / Paraphrased Facts & Ideas	YES / YES	YES / YES	YES / YES	YES / YES	MISSING / MISSING

Grammar and Style:	
Argument / Development / Flow:	
Works Cited Page / Use of Sources in Discussion:	

*****It is important to revise this paper for the Final Draft, which is due on MON. 12/12 (11:59 pm)**