

# Research Paper Criteria

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Organization

- Clear and Compelling. I have chosen an order that works well and makes the reader want to find out what comes next.
- My beginning grabs the reader's attention.
- Every detail adds a little more to the overall understanding of the organization including the mission, goals, leadership and other people as well as my mentor's role and how I fit in the bigger picture.

## Ideas and Content

- Focused, clear, visual and accurate. It keeps the reader's attention.
- I know a lot about the topic, including interesting facts.
- I completed web research and interviews, and I read promotional literature.
- My writing shows I know the organization well.

## Conventions

- Mostly Correct. There are few errors in my paper.
- My spelling is accurate.
- I put punctuation marks in the correct places.
- My grammar and usage are consistently good.
- References are cited in my bibliography using MLA style.

## Fluency

- Sentences, paragraphs and words are natural and varied.
- Some are longer and some are short and snappy.
- Sentence beginnings are varied.
- My words are colorful, vital, brisk and fresh with no vague or flowery language.
- I picked the correct words for the right places.
- Sentences flow from one to the next.
- Paragraphs start with introductory sentences and flow well to the end.
- Paragraphs begin with a transition from the previous paragraph or end with a transition to the next paragraph.