

History & Social Science Fair Research Paper Rubric

Project Title: _____

Grade Level: High School

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Thesis Statement	Thesis statement is present. All information in the paper serves as support for the thesis.	Thesis statement is present. Most of the information in the paper works to support the thesis.	Thesis statement is unclear. Little information in the paper supports the thesis.	There is no thesis statement or writing focus.
Historical Content and Context	Substantial, accurate, and used to explain cause/ effect, change over time, how past decisions/ actions affect future choices or historical significance.	Some is included and begins to support the argument, but may contain minor factual errors.	Little is included, but not connected to the argument and may contain minor factual errors.	Historical content is absent or contains serious factual errors.
Organization and Synthesis	Presents content clearly and concisely with a logical progression of ideas and effective supporting evidence.	Presents most of the content with a logical progression of ideas and supporting evidence.	Presents content which fails to maintain a consistent focus, shows minimal organization and effort, and lacks an adequate amount of supporting evidence.	Presents content which is unfocused, poorly organized, shows little thought or effort and lacks supporting evidence.
Paragraph Construction	All paragraphs are well constructed.	Most paragraphs are well constructed.	Paragraphs are lacking structure.	Most paragraphs lack structure and are unclear.
Sources	All sources are cited using Turabian 8 th edition format. Includes both Primary and Secondary Sources.	Most sources are cited using Turabian 8 th edition format. Includes Primary or Secondary source only.	A few sources are cited using Turabian 8 th edition format.	No sources are cited or sources do not use Turabian 8 th edition format.

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Turabian Quick Guide

Kate L. Turabian's *Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* presents two basic documentation systems: notes-bibliography style (or simply bibliography style) and author-date style (sometimes called reference list style). These styles are essentially the same as those presented in *The Chicago Manual of Style*, sixteenth edition, with slight modifications for the needs of student writers.

NOTES-BIBLIOGRAPHY STYLE: SAMPLE CITATIONS

The following examples illustrate citations using notes-bibliography style. Examples of notes are followed by shortened versions of citations to the same source. For more details and many more examples, see chapters 16 and 17 of Turabian. For examples of the same citations using the author-date system, click on the Author-Date tab above.

Book

One author

1. Malcolm Gladwell, *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference* (Boston: Little, Brown, 2000), 64-65.
2. Gladwell, *Tipping Point*, 71.

Gladwell, Malcolm. *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*. Boston: Little, Brown, 2000.

Two or more authors

1. Peter Morey and Amina Yaqin, *Framing Muslims: Stereotyping and Representation after 9/11* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2011), 52.
2. Morey and Yaqin, *Framing Muslims*, 60-61.

Morey, Peter, and Amina Yaqin. *Framing Muslims: Stereotyping and Representation after 9/11*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2011.

For four or more authors, list all of the authors in the bibliography; in the note, list only the first author, followed by "et al." ("and others"):

1. Jay M. Bernstein et al., *Art and Aesthetics after Adorno* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2010), 276.
2. Bernstein et al., *Art and Aesthetics*, 18.

Bernstein, Jay M., Claudia Brodsky, Anthony J. Cascardi, Thierry de Duve, Ales Erjavec, Robert Kaufman, and Fred Rush. *Art and Aesthetics after Adorno*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2010.

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1. Isabel Wilkerson, *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* (New York: Vintage, 2010), 183-84, Kindle.

2. Philip B. Kurland and Ralph Lerner, eds., *The Founders' Constitution* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1987), chap. 10, doc. 19, accessed October 15, 2011, <http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/>.

3. Joseph P. Quinlan, *The Last Economic Superpower: The Retreat of Globalization, the End of American Dominance, and What We Can Do about It* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2010), 211, accessed December 8, 2012, ProQuest Ebrary.

4. Wilkerson, *Warmth of Other Suns*, 401.

5. Kurland and Lerner, *Founders' Constitution*.

6. Quinlan, *Last Economic Superpower*, 88.

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1. "Privacy Policy," Google Policies & Principles, last modified July 27, 2012, accessed January 3, 2013, <http://www.google.com/policies/privacy/>.

2. Google, "Privacy Policy."

Google. "Privacy Policy." Google Policies & Principles. Last modified July 27, 2012. Accessed January 3, 2013. <http://www.google.com/policies/privacy/>.