

Include:

-7-8 paragraph
typed essay
-bibliography (at
least 3 resources)
-research booklet
-title page

Research Essay Rubric /36

Teacher Name: _____ Tinckler _____

Student Name: _____

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Introduction (Organization)	The introduction is inviting, states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper.	The introduction clearly states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper, but is not particularly inviting to the reader.	The introduction states the main topic, but does not adequately preview the structure of the paper nor is it particularly inviting to the reader.	There is no clear introduction of the main topic or structure of the paper.
Body Paragraphs (Organization) 5-6 sentences; 5-6 paragraphs	Paragraphs and details are placed in a logical order and the way they are presented effectively keeps the interest of the reader.	Paragraphs and details are placed in a logical order, but the way in which they are presented/ introduced sometimes makes the writing less interesting.	Either some paragraphs or details are not in a logical or expected order; this distracts the reader.	Paragraphs are not in order. Many details are not in a logical or expected order. There is little sense that the writing is organized.
Conclusion (Organization)	The conclusion is strong and leaves the reader with a feeling that they understand what the writer is "getting at."	The conclusion is recognizable and ties up almost all the loose ends.	The conclusion is recognizable, but does not tie up several loose ends.	There is no clear conclusion, the paper just ends.
Sentence Structure Use transitions between ideas	All sentences are well-constructed with varied structure.	Most sentences are well-constructed with varied structure.	Most sentences are well-constructed but have a similar structure.	Sentences lack structure and appear incomplete or rambling.
Support for Topic (Content) X2 Citations given when necessary	Relevant, telling, quality details give the reader important information that goes beyond the obvious or predictable.	Supporting details and information are relevant, but one key issue or portion of the storyline is unsupported.	Supporting details and information are relevant, but several key issues or portions of the storyline are unsupported.	Supporting details and information are typically unclear or not related to the topic.
Vocabulary	Writer uses a variety of formal language and sophisticated vocabulary	Writer uses some formal language and sophisticated vocabulary	Writer uses some figures of speech or slang	Writer uses several examples of figures of speech or slang
Grammar & Spelling (Conventions)	Writer makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Writer makes 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Writer makes 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Writer makes 5+ errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.

Title page complete and has original, effective title /4

Lit Circle Novel Connection – Research Essay

What are the steps?

1. Brainstorming sheet
2. Began your research to determine 5-6 GOOD research questions. Use the SRT Library Commons website for your topic links.
3. Included all of the resources you have used for your research. You must use at least THREE SOURCES.

What are the due dates?

1. Research package due along with your essay. You will have three blocks of class time to do your research (May 13, 20 and 22).
2. Good copy due Monday, May 25th. This includes a proper title page, typed, double spaced, and works cited page. ***If your essay is not typed/handwritten in ink or is not double spaced, it will be returned to you.

The Research Essay

Present your information in a multi-paragraph format. You will need an introduction, 5-6 body paragraphs (one to address each of your research questions) to present your research, and a concluding paragraph. Each body paragraph should be approx. 7-8 sentences. Look at the rubric attached for clarification.

Research Topic Choices

Your essay does not make any direct connection to your Lit Circle novel. You are formulating questions that have arisen as a result of the novel you have read.

1. Afghanistan – politics, women, the Taliban, Soviet take over, then and now
2. The Armenian Genocide -100 years later, controversy
3. The Vietnam war-PTSD, the draft/draft dodgers, why join the war?
4. Korean War – brainwashing, Canada's role
5. WW2 – Holocaust, German citizens, Hitler youth
6. Geishas – History, traditions, modern connections

REMEMBER...THIS IS YOUR TERM ESSAY WORTH 40%

