

## Guidelines and Rubric for Evaluating the Research Plan

### Research Plan

The research plan will be evaluated on the following basis:

Elements	Score
<p><b>Working Topic</b></p> <p>From this topic, the audience should understand who and what you are focusing on, the area of the world you are researching, and where you stand on the issue.</p> <p>The topic should be appropriate for university level research and its description should show that you have read and thought about the topic.</p>	/10
<p><b>Brief Introduction</b></p> <p>Why do you believe this topic is important for the audience? What do you already know about it? Explain your personal experience, interest, or background on the topic.</p>	/10
<p><b>Research Question and Methods</b></p> <p>Formulate a preliminary guiding research question or thesis based on what you hope to find out, or what you hope to answer by completing this research.</p> <p>How do you plan to address your research question or thesis? Make sure to specify your particular plan/approach (i.e. specific secondary research, specific popular and scholarly sources, specific databases, websites, journals, etc.)</p>	/10
<p><b>Sources</b></p> <p>List <b>two</b> high quality sources you have already identified. Make sure they are relevant to your topic.</p> <p>Explain how you will use them, and what they include that is important for your research.</p>	/10
<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>How do you plan to make time for writing? In other words, how will you organize your time in order to complete the various stages of this research paper?</p> <p>Set goals and dates, and mention how you will achieve your plan considering other courses and deadlines that you also have.</p>	/10
<p><b>TOTAL</b></p>	/50