English 207 Research Paper Rubric

(15%) I. Sources:
- Paper has at least five sources (at least 2 texts, 2 scholarly articles)
- Authoritative sources are used to support writer’s ideas
- Facts and quotations cited, author named in citations or signal phrases
- Quotations commented on and/or interpreted by writer
- Balance of sources used in the paper
  o 1 2 3 4 5 _____ X 3 = _____

(10%) II. Documentation:
- Information cited correctly in-text
- Sources correctly cited on Works Cited page
- Quotations integrated accurately into writer’s sentences
- Long and short quotations accurately punctuated
  o 1 2 3 4 5 _____ X 2 = _____

(40%) III. Content & Organization:
- Introduction is interesting and informs reader of subject and background
- Explicit thesis clearly sets forth focused claim and stance, has stable context
- Partition maps out the body of the paper
- Background on subject is sufficient
- Paper contains supporting examples and details
- Examples and details are meticulously analyzed
- Transitions from one idea to the next are logical and fluid
- All information is organized and relevant
- Sufficient development of ideas & definition of terms
- Appropriate and sufficient use of outside sources
- Intellectually satisfying conclusion
  o 1 2 3 4 5 _____ X 8 = _____

(15%) IV. Sentence Style and Syntax:
- Use of syntactically mature sentences
- Use of felicitous, appropriate, and varied sentences
  o 1 2 3 4 5 _____ X 3 = _____

(15%) V. Diction:
- Denotatively & connotatively correct language
- Avoidance of clichés, wordiness, & ambiguous language
- Use of concrete, precise language
- Words spelled correctly
  o 1 2 3 4 5 _____ X 3 = _____

(5%) VI. Grammar & Mechanics:
MC/UC FR FS CS AGR AP
1 2 3 4 5 _____

FINAL GRADE: