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| CATEGORY | **9-10** | **8-8.9** | **7-7.9** | **6-6.9** | **0-5.9** |
| **Introduction** | Research topic is introduced;  Introduction is creative and interesting and begins in the action or with a point of interest | Mostly | Somewhat | Little | Missing |
| **Body Focus** | Clearly focuses on the topic, helping to further the point; story is clearly written and is believable, focused and logically organized | Mostly | Somewhat | Little | None |
| **Body Details** | Body is moment-by-moment in terms of detail  Detail serves to enhance understanding of situation, not bog it down  Clear, rich details paint a picture for the reader | Mostly | Somewhat | Little | None |
| **Body Structure** | Must be about 30-40% research data / 60-70% story; quotes flow and fit together well. Minimum page requirement must be met. | Mostly | Somewhat | Little | Page requirement not met |
| **Required Elements** | \*title works to introduce work and connect to main idea  \*background/history/causes  \*impact of problem on environment, society, individuals  \*contributing factors  \*costs incurred by or for this problem  \*solutions and proposed solutions  \*indication of who is to be held responsible | 5-6 areas | 4 areas | 3 areas | Less than 3 |
| **Conclusion** | Main point is clear by the conclusion; all events are wrapped up and sufficiently analyzed by the end;  no new information is presented in the conclusion | Mostly | Somewhat | Little | Missing |
| **Dialogue/**  **Quotes** | All dialogue and quotes flow and fit together well; effective; accurately punctuated | Mostly | Somewhat | Little | None |
| **Reference work** | Reference page is titled correctly, alphabetized, uses hanging indent, contains APA formatted entries;  Parenthetical citations are accurate  Every parenthetical citation has a reference page entry  Minimum requirement met | Writer makes 1-2 errors | Writer makes 3 errors | Writer makes 4 errors | More than 4/minimum not met |
| **Language:**  **Grammar, Usage, Mechanics, & Spelling** | Avoided fragments and run-ons  Spelling and capitalization is correct  Used a wide variety of words and avoided overuse of words; interesting vocabulary  Used a variety of sentences  Used appropriate/consistent verb tense  Used correct subject-verb agreement | Writer makes 1-2 errors | Writer makes 3 errors | Writer makes 4 errors | More than 4 errors |
| **APA Format/ Submission Requirements** | Writer makes no formatting errors—title page is accurate; 12 pt TNR, spacing is 1”; header is accurate; page numbers are computer generated, etc.  Submission requirements followed. | Writer makes 1-2 errors | Writer makes 3 errors | Writer makes 4 errors | More than 4 or submission requirements not met |
| **Comments: Total:** | | | | |  |

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