

Multi-Genre Research Paper Rubric

Holistic impact of the paper

Advanced	Knocks me off my feet, bowls me over, so informative and emotionally moving is the paper. There is evidence of original thinking, depth, specificity of detail, delights of language or insight. This multi-genre paper has excellent writing that includes attention to a pleasing visage of the page, action verbs, varied sentence length, effective word choice, skilled placement of information, strong leads and endings, visual and other sensory imagery. Research is interesting, surprising, and cleverly and creatively incorporated into the paper with properly formatted in-text citations (multiple sources are used for the informational pieces). Paper is at least 2000 words.
Highly proficient	A good paper. I am upbeat because of some of the solid moves the writer pays attention to that are mentioned above. I learn things about the topic. While the paper didn't blow me away, I am happy with its competent execution. Research is good; there may be some problems with in-text citations.
Proficient	This paper is complete but the writing did not make use of those qualities that make writing sing. There is a feeling of middle of the road about it. There are likely problems with in-text citations.
Basic	This is a below average paper. The writing shows almost few of the skills mentioned above. Some pieces seem careless, as if written hastily and never revised. Content shows little depth or insight. More telling than showing. In-text citations are incorrect or not present
Emerging	Project seems careless. Some or all pieces contain plagiarized information. No resources are cited in the paper. An insult to turn in, an insult to the teacher, to the disciplined, creative act of writing, and to your own mind.

*Rubric adapted from Tom Romano's work

Required Elements

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Emerging	Not present
<i>The paper contains an original, illustrative title and Table of Contents</i>	Original, surprising, piques a reader's interest, imaginative, maybe a subtitle	Functional, some imagination	Title simply names the subject	Title dull, something like "WWII Multi-Genre Paper"	Title missing
<i>Paper contains map delineating war zone and general location correspondent was assigned</i>	Map is clear and definitive, outlines areas well	Functional map	Map simply shows general area	Map unclear	Map missing
<i>Collage of headlines from time period</i>	Headlines are thoughtful and thought-provoking, clear research invested in finding them	Functional, some imagination	Headlines are unrelated to time period, seem cobbled together	Headlines dull or completely unrelated to project	Headlines missing
<i>Two-page factual summary of war correspondent's contributions to the field of journalism</i>	Reader wants to read on, so compelling and interesting is the relevant information and voice. Sets the reader up well for what is ahead.	Discusses the importance of your topic, how it was chosen, and includes a thesis statement that gives the paper direction	Provides useful information, not too brief or too long. May be missing some of the elements	Provides little useful information, is too long or too brief	Absent or so brief that it may as well be absent
<i>Copy Editing</i>	Contains few errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling	Contains more than a few errors but meaning is not seriously affected	Contains enough errors to make reader wonder if the writer proofread carefully.	Contains errors to the point of confusion	Contains many errors to the point of distraction
<i>Fact-based genre #1 (at least 400 words)</i>	Vivid, interesting information. Adds insight and depth to the overall paper, is well written with active verbs, specificity, and few wasted words. Several resources are cited throughout the text so the information flows naturally	Interesting, though not particularly vivid writing. More research needed	Little interesting information. Writing could be tightened and sharpened	Rambling, unfocused, fuzzy focus, ho-hum writing No in-text citations present.	Absent or plagiarized (some or all of the piece obviously plagiarized from one or more sources)

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Fact-based genre #2 (at least 400 words)	Vivid, interesting information. Adds insight and depth to the overall paper, is well written with active verbs, specificity, and few wasted words. Several resources are cited throughout the text so the information flows naturally	Interesting, though not particularly vivid writing. More research needed	Little interesting information. Writing could be tightened and sharpened	Rambling, unfocused, fuzzy focus, ho-hum writing No in-text citations present.	Absent or plagiarized (some or all of the piece obviously plagiarized from one or more sources)
Fact-based genre #3 (at least 400 words)	Vivid, interesting information. Adds insight and depth to the overall paper, is well written with active verbs, specificity, and few wasted words. Several resources are cited throughout the text so the information flows naturally	Interesting, though not particularly vivid writing. More research needed	Little interesting information. Writing could be tightened and sharpened	Rambling, unfocused, fuzzy focus, ho-hum writing No in-text citations present.	Absent or plagiarized (some or all of the piece obviously plagiarized from one or more sources)
Works Cited	Complete with at least eight properly formatted sources, listed in alphabetical order	May contain seven sources. Possibly one or two minor errors with formatting	May contain five or six sources. Brief, incomplete, bibliographic style inconsistent	May contain three or four sources. Brief, incomplete, bibliographic style inconsistent	not submitted
Self-assessment	Thorough, detailed answers to all of the questions	Thorough, detailed answers to all of the questions	Self-assessment needs to be more detailed	Self-assessment rambles or is off-task	not submitted