

5th Grade Research Paper Rubric

Research

Task	Possible Points	Student Evaluation	Teacher Evaluation
I chose a topic that reviews concepts from the fifth grade science SOLs.	5		
I constructed questions to guide my research.	5		
I used a variety of reference materials such as books, encyclopedias, and Internet sites.	5		
I chose appropriate reference materials for my topic of study.	5		
I used my time wisely while researching.	5		
I used reference materials and resources responsibly.	5		
I took notes while researching to help plan my paper.	5		
I synergized with my peers while researching our topic.	5		
Total	40		

Paper

Task	Possible Points	Student Evaluation	Teacher Evaluation
I planned my paper using a 4 square graphic organizer.	5		
My paper is on topic	5		
My paper clearly and accurately explains a science topic from the 5th grade SOLs.	5		
My paper is multi-paragraphed.	5		
I wrote an introduction that introduces the topic to the reader.	5		
I wrote 3 body paragraphs with at least 3 facts and supporting details.	5		
My paper is supported by at least 3 sources from my research.	5		
I used specific words and descriptive language.	5		
My sentences varied in structure and lengths.	5		
I wrote a conclusion that summarizes my paper.	5		
I indented my paragraphs properly.	5		
My paper has correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling.	5		
Total	60		