



## paper requirements

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### advanced merit diploma

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- ◆ The requirements for the Senior Exhibition paper are the same as those for the English 3 research paper.
- ◆ The paper needs to be a minimum of 8 full pages (not including cover page, outline or works cited pages).
- ◆ It should follow the MLA format.
- ◆ Use one-inch margins on the top and bottom and 1.25-inch margins on the sides of the paper, 10 to 12-point *Times New Roman* font and double-spaced.

#### **Paper Organization**

- I. Title Page
- II. Paper Outline with thesis statement at the top of the page to guide the reader
- III. Main Body (minimum 8 full pages)
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Body--main section of your paper
  - c. Product--small related section in which you describe how this topic is related to your product
  - d. Conclusion
- IV. "Works Cited" Page

You are required to use a minimum of six sources (i.e. newspaper, journal articles, books, etc.) At least three of these sources must not be the Internet.

#### **Quality Criteria**

- ✓ Your paper follows the correct structure.
- ✓ You have used your citations correctly.
- ✓ Your "Works Cited" page is done correctly.
- ✓ You used proper mechanics: margins, block quotes, page numbers & title page.
- ✓ You avoided the use of "to be" verbs and the passive voice.
- ✓ You do not have any violations of the "Two Commandments", "Terrible Three", "27 Abominations".

**Note:** If a student does not score eighty-five points on this portion of the exhibition, s/he will have ten days from the date of the initial evaluation to make suggested corrections and resubmit the paper.

# \_\_\_\_\_ paper evaluation \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of paper** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Content**

**Introduction** \_\_\_\_\_ **out of 10**

- Clear thesis statement
- Catches reader's attention
- Well-developed (at least 5 sentences)

**Body of Paper** \_\_\_\_\_ **out of 25**

- Organized paragraphs
- Quality writing
- Product portion of paper included

**Conclusion** \_\_\_\_\_ **out of 10**

- At least 5 sentences
- Wraps up paper effectively
- Summarizes the main points

**Overall knowledge of subject** \_\_\_\_\_ **out of 10**

**Paper well-organized and easy to understand** \_\_\_\_\_ **out of 10**

## **Mechanics**

**Typing** \_\_\_\_\_ **out of 5**

- Correct font
- Minimal typos

**Cover Page** \_\_\_\_\_ **out of 5**

- Title, student's name, faculty advisor's name, date

**Works Cited Page** \_\_\_\_\_ **out of 10**

- In alphabetical order
- Correct format

**Minimum Length Requirement** \_\_\_\_\_ **out of 5**

**Proper Documentation** \_\_\_\_\_ **out of 10**

- Documented completely throughout
- Citations done correctly
- All research information documented

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_ **out of 100**

*Total points must equal or exceed 85 in order to pass this component of the AMD.*

**Comments:**

**Evaluator** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_