

SCICAN! Scientific Paper Rubric Name: _____

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Topic Focus	The topic is not clearly defined.	The topic is too broad for the scope of this assignment.	The topic is focused but lacks direction. The paper is about a specific topic but the writer has not established a position.	The topic is focused narrowly enough for the scope of this assignment. A thesis statement provides direction for the paper, either by statement of a position or hypothesis
Integration of Knowledge	<p>The paper does not demonstrate that the author has fully understood and applied key concepts.</p> <p>Cursory discussion in all the sections of the paper or brief discussion in only a few sections.</p>	<p>The paper demonstrates that the author, to a certain extent, understands and has applied key concepts.</p> <p>The writer has omitted pertinent content or content runs-on excessively. Quotations from others outweigh the writer's own ideas excessively.</p>	<p>The paper demonstrates that the author, for the most part, understands and has applied key concepts. Some of the conclusions, however, are not supported in the body of the paper.</p> <p>In-depth discussion & elaboration in most sections of the paper.</p>	<p>The paper demonstrates that the author fully understands and has applied key concepts. The writer provides concluding remarks that show analysis and synthesis of ideas.</p> <p>In-depth discussion & elaboration in all sections of the paper.</p>
Cohesiveness	Does not tie together information. Paper does not flow and appears to be created from dissimilar issues.	Ties together information from some sources. Paper does not flows in most sections.	Ties together information from most sources. Paper mostly flows from one issue to the next.	Ties together information from all sources. Paper flows from one section.
Citations & Sources	Does not cite sources.	Cites some data obtained from other sources. Citation style is either inconsistent or incorrect.	Cites most data obtained from other sources. APA citation style is used in both text and bibliography.	Cites all data obtained from other sources. APA citation style is used in both text and bibliography.
Formal Journal Formatting	Followed few/none of the outlined formatting requirements.	Followed some outlined formatting requirements.	Followed most outlined formatting requirements.	Followed all outlined formatting requirements.
Spelling & Grammar	Unacceptable number of spelling and/or grammar mistakes.	Noticeable spelling & grammar mistakes.	Minimal spelling &/or grammar mistakes.	No spelling &/or grammar mistakes.
Corrections	No/few suggested corrections have been made	Some suggested corrections have been made.	Many suggested corrections have been made.	All suggested corrections have been made with additional improvements.