

Research Paper Rubric/Checklist (Social Studies)

****When writing your paper in Language Arts class, remember that your paper will also be counted for a Social Studies grade, using the rubric below. (Your graphic organizer will NOT be looked at or graded in Social Studies; only what is in your final paper will be graded).***

TOPIC: Was the U.S. justified in dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki?

<u>Part</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Points</u>
Sources MUST cite sources to get credit. <i>(Either cite <u>in-text</u> or do a works cited on the <u>last page</u> of paper)</i> Separate works cited documents will NOT be graded!!!	1. Sources are <u>valid</u> (acceptable, correct)-from approved list 2. Multiple <u>print</u> and <u>digital</u> sources are used (<i>and cited IN paper</i>) <i>*at least 2 approved <u>websites</u>, at least 1 <u>encyclopedia</u>, at least 1 <u>other book</u></i>	4 3 2 1
Evidence # 1	1. Facts are <u>relevant</u> (relate to topic) and <u>sufficient</u> (enough) - <i>definitions, concrete details, etc.</i> 2. All evidence <u>logically supports</u> the thesis and <u>shows understanding</u> of the topic	4 3 2 1
Evidence # 2	1. Facts are <u>relevant</u> (relate to topic) and <u>sufficient</u> (enough) - <i>definitions, concrete details, etc.</i> 2. All evidence <u>logically supports</u> the thesis and <u>shows understanding</u> of the topic	4 3 2 1
Evidence # 3	1. Facts are <u>relevant</u> (relate to topic) and <u>sufficient</u> (enough) - <i>definitions, concrete details, etc.</i> 2. All evidence <u>logically supports</u> the thesis and <u>shows understanding</u> of the topic	4 3 2 1
Accuracy	1. Information is <u>correct</u> 2. <u>Vocabulary</u> that is specific to the topic is used	4 3 2 1
Text Features	1. Uses a <u>variety of text features</u> which aid/enhance (support) your argument... <i>ex. <u>pictures with captions</u>, <u>charts/graphs</u>, <u>headings</u>, <u>maps etc.</u></i> 2. Text features are <u>placed effectively</u> throughout the text.	4 3 2 1

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