

Research Essay Rubric

- Write one essay for each career (a total of 2 essays) that describes the career in detail and provides the reader with a general understanding of what each career entails.
- Use your **Research Worksheet** as a guide for what to include in the essay.
- Follow the rubric below as an outline for your essay.

Requirements	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory/Re-do
Paragraph 1 Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States the career. • Thoroughly describes the duties and responsibilities of the job. • One full paragraph (6-8 sentences) • Remains objective. Does not include opinion statements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not state the career directly • Does not describe the duties and responsibilities in detail. • Less than one full paragraph • Includes opinion and subjectivity.
Paragraphs 2-3 Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoroughly explains at least three sections from the research worksheet such as degrees and certifications, earnings, benefits, etc. • Two full paragraphs (6-8 sentences each) • Remains objective. Does not include opinion statements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simply lists the information from the research worksheet without explaining them. • Less than two full paragraphs. • Includes opinion and subjectivity.
Paragraph 4 Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States an opinion of the career. • Includes at least two pros (positives) and two cons (negatives) of the career. • One full paragraph (6-8 sentences) • One concluding sentence that concisely summarizes the essay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not provide an opinion of the career. • Mentions less than two pros/cons. • Less than one full paragraph. • Does not include a concluding sentence or the concluding sentence does not concisely summarize the essay.
Overall Mechanics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not use personal pronouns such as <i>I</i> or <i>me</i>, or second person pronouns such as <i>you</i>. • Contains only a few spelling, punctuation, syntactical, or grammatical errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses personal and/or second person pronouns. • Contains more than a few spelling, punctuation, syntactical, or grammatical errors.
Overall MLA Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Heading (Upper left hand corner) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes Name and Date • Creative Title (Centered on page) • Typed • Double Spaced • Times New Roman • Size 12 • At least 300 words (one full page) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing any one of the MLA requirements.