RESEARCH PAPER CRITERIA/RUBRIC

# **Format**

## Margins: 1” around

## Font: 12 pt. ---Times New Roman

## Chicago Style Footnotes, Works Cited

### Control+Alt+F (MS Word)

### No Parenthetical Documentation

### Knightcite.com (use Chicago format)

### Minimum 9 sources—only 1 can be from the internet (must use .org/.edu and you must even check those for reliability/professionalism)

## Page Numbers listed at the center bottom

## Minimum Word Requirement: 2500 words (10 pages)

1. Content

## Thesis Statement—must be engaging and vehicular

## Strong Use of topic sentences and organization is clear and precise

## Concrete detail engaging and compelling--Concrete detail used consistently to form a cohesive argument

## Smooth and logical

## Thesis Statement is proven and evident—paper is not just a straight history of the topic

## Opinion not backed-up by fact is left out of your paper

1. Style

## Readability--transitions

## Grammar, Spelling, Editing has been checked