

## SCLA 101 Final Research Paper Rubric

	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
<b>Organization and Style</b>				
Clearly introduces the topic and its importance.				
Introduction provides appropriate background and draws the reader into the argument				
Thesis is clearly stated and makes a direct claim about the topic				
Clear and logical organization throughout the paper, with smooth transitions between ideas, sentences, and paragraphs.				
Correct grammar, consistent tenses, natural and clear language, active voice, formal language (no contractions or slang)				
<b>Critical Thinking and Creativity</b>				
Demonstrates complexity of thought as well as creative approaches in both content and sources				
Demonstrates a careful reading and analysis of the textual evidence in support of arguments				
Recognizes and responds to one or more opposing views or counterarguments				
<b>Evidence and Documentation</b>				
Uses credible supportive evidence, critically analyzed.				
Demonstrates the ability to summarize, synthesize, quote, and document sources both throughout the text and bibliography/works cited page				
Accurately determined quantity of information needed in order to satisfy a well-designed research question				
Supportive evidence is integrated smoothly into ideas and text				
<b>Conclusion</b>				
Summarizes evidence in support of the thesis without simply restating it.				
<b>Additional criteria:</b>				
