

ENG 2020-Research Paper Grading Checklist/Rubric (90 points)
 (A checklist based on the criteria described in the Research Paper assignment).

Assignment requirements:	Max. points	Points earned	Comments:
1. Document Formatted according to the MLA standards: • 5-7 pages for the body • double spacing • last name + page number in upper right • Name and course "block" in upper left of first page, according to MLA specifications: name, course, professor, date, comprehensive title: <i>The correct way to format research papers is explained and illustrated in detail in most English grammar and usage handbooks. A free online resource to the Modern Language Association (MLA) documentation style is available at Purdue University's Online Writing Lab (OWL): http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/. Once you access that resource, scroll down to see a sample of the first page of a paper in MLA style. (no title or cover page)</i> • A separate Works Cited page listing alphabetically all works used and cited, in MLA format • An in-text (parenthetical) citation for each entry on the Works Cited page.	10		
2. Submitted before the deadline. For late papers, points will be deducted @ -5 pts. each day.	5		
3. Attached file named correctly with student's last name, followed by a dash and the word "research." For example: smith-research IMPORTANT: File names with extra spaces or misspelled words are NOT acceptable.	5		
4. File formatted as a Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx). No other file format is acceptable.	5		
5. An effective <u>introduction</u> following guidelines referred to in the Research Paper description. This introduction must lead intelligently and gracefully into a thesis statement that "previews" the plan and organization of the paper that will follow.	5		

6. Clear, complete, argumentative thesis statement.	10		
7. The body: The body of the paper must develop the thesis introduced. This is the main body of the research paper and should constitute about 75% of the words written. (The rest are your introduction and conclusion). The paper must integrate and cite at least three (3) articles selected from <i>The Norton Critical Edition</i> of James Joyce's <i>Dubliners</i>, the <i>Research Paper Resources</i> folder within Blackboard, or from the from other scholarly sources as explained in <i>Research Needed</i> in the Assignment description.	30		
8. Integration of the required resources into the analysis: A brief descriptive summary of each article should point out the similarities and differences that each article shares with the others. Other than being about Joyce's "The Dead," the articles must have something substantial in common with one another. Sources used must be cited according to MLA specifications; both an in-text parenthetical citation must be accompanied by a listing in the Works Cited page. Direct quotations and paraphrases (from the articles in the <i>Norton Critical Edition</i> or other sources) should account for no more than one fifth of the body of this analysis. This analysis should be mainly the student's writing, not the quotations or paraphrases of others.	20		
Total points possible:	90		