Community Issues Research Paper Gradesheet

Aspects	Max. Pts. Possible	Pts Earned	Comments
1. Assignment Requirements Paper follows instructions, presents topic appropriate to assignment, includes all required areas listed in syllabus, meets minimum length requirement, bears an appropriate title, is formatted according to policies as stated in the syllabus.	6.0		
2. Research Focus and Development of Material Paper presents a strong, narrowly defined research focus that is supported and developed by solid, recent evidence provided in the form of published facts, quotes from sources, and other substantiated materials.	6.0		
3. Presentation of Evidence Research evidence is presented in a factual, objective manner without depending on personal bias or emotional reaction, unless such appears in the form of a quote from source material. When author's personal observation is included, it is presented as objectively as possible. Paper content is driven by the presentation of ample evidence in the form of details, examples, and quotations from research materials.	6.0		
4. Organization and Writing Style Paper is well-organized and follows a strong, logical progression of thought motivated by the development of evidence, without omitting essential parts (introduction, evidence, conclusion, documentation). Ideas are presented in a clear, cohesive manner marked by useful transitions between paragraphs and sentences.	6.0		
5. Mechanics and References Paper meets appropriate standards of written U.S. English, makes few errors in syntax, sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, basic grammar, etc. Also, includes parenthetical references to cited works or foot/endnotes and a bibliography of references (including references to interviews conducted) formatted in correct MLA style or other style cleared with Dr. Donovan ahead of time.	6.0		
TOTAL	30.0		