

Mini Research Project - Nature vs. Nurture and Identical Twins Reared Separately

Persuasive Research Paper: 200 pts. total	50-40	39-30	29-20	19-0
Content/Persuasion/Use of Research as Evidence ___ / 50	You rock! You made a very clear, persuasive argument, and you used research to back up your claims.	You're on the right track. You need to be more firm in your position and use the research to back up that position more clearly.	You're getting there. You state your opinion, but your research is only used as information rather than evidence to persuade.	Keep trying. Your paper is informational only; you did not make an attempt to persuade or argue a side. Your research is not used as evidence.
	16-14	13-10	9-5	4-0
Formatting (Times New Roman, 12 Pt Font, Header & Heading included) ___ / 16	Wow! All elements of formatting are included and correct.	You're on the right track. Almost there...only 1 error has been made with formatting.	Almost there... You have 2-3 errors with formatting.	Keep trying...You have 3 or more errors with formatting.
	12-10	9-7	6-4	3-0
Sources (Min 4) ___ / 12	Wow! You have all the required sources.	-----	-----	Keep trying... You do not have the amount of required sources.
Internal Citations (Min 4) ___ / 12	Wow! All internal citations are both present and correct by rules of MLA formatting.	You're on the right track. Internal citations are present, but you made a few errors.	Almost there... you have several errors in your internal citations.	Keep trying...internal citations are either missing or have significant errors.
	10-9	8-6	5-4	3-0
Works Cited Page (Included & properly formatted) ___ / 10	Wow! Your Works Cited page looks like a perfect example from an MLA handbook.	You're on the right track. Your Works Cited page is included, but there may be a few errors within the citations or the formatting.	Almost there... you have several errors on your Works Cited page.	Keep trying... there is a significant number of errors on your Works Cited page.
	20-18	17-15	14-10	9-0
Meets word count requirement (min. 800 words) ___ / 20	Wow! Your paper is exactly as long as it was supposed to be.	-----	-----	Your paper does not meet the word count minimum.
Quotes (Directly apply to topic and have lead-ins included/explanation following) ___ / 20	Wow! All of your quotes clearly connect to your overall topic, and are clear evidence to support your position. You used lead-ins for all of your quotes and explained their purpose and/or connection.	You're on the right track. It is not always clear what connection you are making between your quotes and your position on your topic. You are missing a lead-in or explanation for at least one quote.	Almost there... The connection between your quotes and the position you chose is difficult to see. You dropped in quotes, but forgot to include lead-ins or explanations for 2 quotes.	Keep trying... I cannot see any connection between your quotes and your position on your topic. You dropped in quotes, but forgot to include lead-ins or explanations for 3 or more quotes.
Twin Connection ___ / 20	Wow! Your set of twins is <i>identical</i> to the nature vs. nurture argument you made and the way you connected them is fabulous!	You're on the right track. Your set of twins was a good choice for your nature vs. nurture argument, but you need to make the connections more direct	Almost there... Your set of twins is not exactly the right fit for the nature vs. nurture argument you made.	Keep trying... I don't see any connection at all between your set of twins and your nature vs. nurture argument.
Ideas (Well developed) ___ / 20	Wow! You came up with great ideas and developed them well throughout your paper.	You're on the right track. You have good ideas, but you did not develop them as well as you could have.	Almost there... Your ideas are not very well-developed.	Keep trying... I am not sure what you were trying to argue in your paper.
Grammar/Mechanics (Punctuation, spelling) ___ / 20	You rock! No errors in grammar or spelling.	You're on the right track. You have 1-5 errors in grammar and/or spelling.	Almost there... You have more than 6-10 errors in grammar and/or spelling.	Keep trying... You have more than 10 errors in grammar and/or spelling.

Final Grade: _____ / 200

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