**Rubric for evaluating researched and expository writing**

* Does the paper satisfy the assigned purpose? For example, does it report on (summarize) previous research or does it provide data and articulate a new hypothesis?
* Is the question the paper proposes to answer interesting, relevant, innovative, and grounded in the discipline?
* Does the thesis answer the question in an interesting, relevant, innovative manner, and is the answer grounded in the discipline?
* How complete is the research? Are their sources or areas that the writer has not looked at or considered?
* Does the paper have the correct format? For example, scientific writing follows the IMRaD format (Introduction – Method – Results – and – Discussion).
* Does the writer adopt the appropriate tone? For example, is it serious and objective?
* How connected are the sentences in each paragraph?
* How smooth, logical, and clear are the transitions?
* How clear are the sentences?
* How well does the writer use traditional conventions for spelling, punctuation, grammar, and citation?