

IDS 360/460 Rubric, Research Paper 2012					
	A	B	C	D	F
Assignment is completed in proper format based on "Organization of an Essay"	Assignment is in the form of an essay	Assignment is somewhat in the form of an essay	Assignment is not in essay format	Assignment is not in essay format	Assignment is not in essay format
Assignment possesses a clear thesis paragraph and addresses the student's chosen topic by providing a supported argument and critical analysis	Assignment has a clear thesis paragraph and addresses all aspects of the topic, incorporates readings, lectures, and other source material, and evidences a strong, clear argument and critical analysis	Assignment has a somewhat clear thesis paragraph and addresses most aspects of the topic, incorporates some of the readings, lectures, and additional source material, and evidences a less developed argument and critical analysis	Assignment does not have a clear thesis paragraph and marginally addresses the topic, does not adequately incorporate readings, lectures, and other source material, and provides a synopsis/report/narrative and only minor critical analysis	Assignment does not have a clear thesis paragraph and does not address the topic, does not incorporate readings, lectures, and other source material, and provides a synopsis/report/narrative and little or no critical analysis	Assignment does not have a thesis paragraph and fails to address the topic, does not include readings, lectures, and other source material, and provides no argument; key questions are absent and no critical analysis is provided (0)
Sources Used	At least five sources used	At least four sources used	At least three sources used	Less than three sources used	No use of sources evident
Citations	Citations are provided in the body of the essay and are properly formatted and evidence no errors	Citations are provided in the body of the essay and are mostly properly formatted and evidence minor errors	Citations are provided in the body of the essay but are incomplete, not provided in all cases, and evidence errors in format	Citations are not provided in all cases where appropriate; numerous errors evident	No citations
Bibliography/Works Cited Page	Included and in proper format with no errors	Included and in proper format with minor errors	Included; incorrect format, errors present	Included; incorrect format; incomplete; numerous errors	Not included
Grammar/Punctuation	No errors	Minor errors	Several errors	Numerous errors	Unreadable
On Time	On time				Late

Research Paper is due at the start of class on Thursday April 19, 2012