

## 11. TFSD Research Writing Rubric (Grade 12 – Senior Project)

Caama	e Statement of Organization Elaboration of Evidence Language, Vocabulary and MLA Format				
Score	Statement of	Organization	Elaboration of Evidence	Language, Vocabulary and	
	Purpose/Focus	20 points	30 points	Conventions	20 points
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4 Exemplary A	The response is fully sustained and consistently and purposefully focused:  • controlling idea or main idea of a topic is focused, clearly stated, and strongly maintained  • controlling idea or main idea of a topic is introduced and communicated clearly within the context	The response has a clear and effective organizational structure creating unity and completeness:  effective, consistent use of a variety of transitional strategies  logical progression of ideas from beginning to end  effective introduction and conclusion for audience and purpose  strong connections among ideas, with some syntactic variety	The response provides thorough and convincing support/evidence for the controlling idea or main idea that includes the effective use of sources, facts, and details. The response achieves substantial depth that is specific and relevant:  use of evidence from sources is smoothly integrated, comprehensive, and concrete  effective use of a variety of elaborative techniques	The response clearly and effectively expresses ideas, using precise language:   use of academic and domain-specific vocabulary is clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose  The response demonstrates a strong command of conventions:  few, if any, errors are present in usage and sentence formation  effective and consistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling	The paper follows correct MLA format and includes all required elements.  Heading Pg. # w/last name Title Works Cited* In text
3 Proficient B	The response is adequately sustained and generally focused:  focus is clear and for the most part maintained, though some loosely related material may be present  some context for the controlling idea or main idea of the topic is adequate	The response has an evident organizational structure and a sense of completeness, though there may be minor flaws and some ideas may be loosely connected:  adequate use of transitional strategies with some variety adequate progression of ideas from beginning to end adequate introduction and conclusion adequate, if slightly inconsistent, connection among ideas	The response provides adequate support/evidence for the controlling idea or main idea that includes the use of sources, facts, and details:  some evidence from sources is integrated, though citations may be general or imprecise  adequate use of some elaborative techniques	The response adequately expresses ideas, employing a mix of precise with more general language  use of domain-specific vocabulary is generally appropriate for the audience and purpose  The response demonstrates an adequate command of conventions:  some errors in usage and sentence formation may be present, but no systematic pattern of errors is displayed  adequate use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling	*As dictated by the research continuum  Paper meets minimum required Length 5 to 7 Pages Sources 5
2 Progressing C	The response is somewhat sustained and may have a minor drift in focus:  may be clearly focused on the controlling or main idea, but is insufficiently sustained  controlling idea or main idea may be unclear and somewhat unfocused	The response has an inconsistent organizational structure, and flaws are evident:  • inconsistent use of basic, translational strategies with little variety  • uneven progression of ideas from beginning to end  • conclusion and introduction, if present, are weak  • weak connection	The response provides uneven, cursory support/evidence for the controlling idea or main idea that includes partial or uneven use of sources, facts, and details:  • evidence from sources is weakly integrated, and citations, if present, are uneven  • weak or uneven use of elaborative techniques	The response expresses ideas unevenly, using simplistic language:  • use of domain-specific vocabulary may at times be inappropriate for the audience and purpose  The response demonstrates a partial command of conventions:  • frequent errors in usage may obscure meaning  • inconsistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling	The paper does not follow correct MLA format and is missing one or more required elements.  • Heading • Pg. # w/last name • Title • Works
1 Not Yet	The response may be related to the topic but may provide little or no focus:  may be very brief may have a major drift focus may be confusing or ambiguous	The response has little or no discernible organizational structure:  • few or no transitional strategies are evident  • frequent extraneous ideas may intrude	The response provides minimal support/evidence for the controlling idea or main idea that includes little or no use of sources, facts, and details:  use of evidence from the source material is minimal, absent, in error, or irrelevant	The response expression of ideas is vague, lacks clarity, or is confusing:  • uses limited language or domain-specific vocabulary  • may have little sense of audience and purpose  The response demonstrates a lack of command of conventions:  • errors are frequent and severe and meaning is often obscured	Cited*  In text Citations* *As dictated by the research Continuum  Paper does not minimum required Length 5 to 7 Pages Sources 5
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