Research Paper Rubric

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| * Apply a wide range of vocabulary fluently, accurately, and appropriately. * Uses detailed relevant facts to show understanding through accurate and precise descriptions, explanations and examples. The depth of content knowledge is applied to the real world and uses prior knowledge. * Apply  scientific reasoning to draw a conclusion using adequate data and evidence. * Formal writing, transition words helps the paper read smoothly and fluently. * Uses punctuation for effect and voice. * Introduction grabs the reader’s attention. | * Use appropriate vocabulary * Use relevant facts to show understanding through accurate descriptions, explanations and examples. * Used evidence to draw a conclusion. * Formal writing, uses fourth grade appropriate transition words. * Mostly correct punctuation. * Introduction states the topicclearly. | * Use some content vocabulary accurately and appropriately. * Use mostly relevant facts and usually shows understanding through descriptions, explanations and examples though they may be basic. * Use information from observations to draw a conclusion. * Goes in between formal and informal writing with 3rd grade transitional words. * Some punctuation. * Introduction is not clear. | * Vocabulary is not used correctly. * Claims not supported with evidence from research. * No Conclusion * Lacking transitional words or choppy. * No punctuation. |