Colleges and Careers Research Paper  Name: __________________________________________

Topic Outline
• The topic outline contains the main ideas of the paper in order and is correctly formatted with no sentences.  
  ______ of 5 points possible

Research Paper
• The research paper is the required length and is correctly formatted.  
• The paper is fully sustained and consistently and purposefully focused.  
• The controlling idea or main idea of a topic is introduced and communicated clearly with the context.  
• The paper has a clear and effective organizational structure creating unity and completeness.  
• The paper uses a variety of transitional strategies and logical progression of ideas from beginning to end.  
• The paper has an effective introduction and conclusion for the audience and purpose.  
• The paper has thorough and convincing support for the main idea that includes the effective use of sources, facts, and details.  
• The use of sources is smoothly integrated, relevant, and comprehensive.  
• The paper clearly and effectively expresses ideas, using precise language with academic and domain-specific vocabulary for the audience and purpose.  
• Sentence structures are varied, and clear voice and tone are appropriate for the paper’s purpose.  
  ______ of 40 points possible

Syntax and Grammar: American Standard English  
• The paper demonstrates a strong command of conventions.  
• Few, if any, errors are present in usage and sentence formation.  
• Effective and consistent use of punctuation with few, if any, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling errors.  
  ______ of 10 points possible

Note Cards and Sources
• At least twenty note cards are in Scholar and are correctly formatted with topic headings.  
• Four required citations are submitted and correctly formatted.  
  ______ of 10 points possible

Parenthetical Documentation
• Citations are correctly formatted, and there is at least one in each paragraph of the body.  
• There is at least one but no more than ten lines of directly quoted material throughout the paper.  
• Direct quotes of more than 4 lines are indented 10 spaces (only one)  
  ______ of 10 points possible
Works Cited

- All of the required sources are listed in alphabetical order using correct MLA format.
- Web sites include the URL at the end of the entry. <www.________>.

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Visual and Class Presentation

- The visual clearly presents information learned from research about both a college and a career.
- The visual uses correct conventions of American Standard English.
- The visual is neat and aesthetically appealing.
- The speaker engages the audience, has good posture, and an effective, clear voice.

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Plagiarism—Automatic deduction of five-ten points.

- There is no parenthetical documentation within the paper.
- There is no works cited page.
- Student has downloaded, copied, or bought a paper from someone else and submitted it as his/her own work.
- Student has copied an entire article from a website or electronic database and turned it in his/her own work.
- Student has cut and pasted from several works and called the product his/her own work.
- Student has faked citations.
- The student has rearranged the author’s original words (this is not paraphrasing because the student did not put the original words in his or her own words—just merely rearranged them.
  Example: Because the government has overspent, schools are poorly funded.  Student’s Words: Schools are poorly funded because the government overspends.)
- Using the author’s original words but changing the adjectives—this is still plagiarism—the student is using the author’s words but only changing one or two and calling the words his/her own.
- The student’s words are too close to the original.
- The student failed to put quotation marks around directly quoted material.
- The student placed quotation marks around directly quoted material and ended the quotation prematurely. (Continuing to copy from the source word for word without putting the rest of the quote in quotation marks.)
- Sources on the Works Cited page are not used within the paper.
- Sources used within the paper are not on the Works Cited page.

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