

# Research Grading Rubric - Journeyman

## A&S RESEARCH PAPERS – REPLACES JUDGING FORM

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### Informational content (4-20)

Criteria	5	4	3	2	1
<b>Degree of research</b>  The paper is a meta analysis of many research papers to determine new analysis of the existing research.	5  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper is a meta analysis of many sources to determine new analysis of the existing research –or – is a firsthand exploration of a topic that reaches original conclusions supported by the research of others.</li> </ul>	4  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper mixes firsthand knowledge with a rephrasing of the research done by others.</li> </ul>	3  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper uses some firsthand knowledge, but relies heavily the work of others.</li> </ul>	2  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper is mostly a rephrasing of the research of others, with some new analysis pulled from their research.</li> </ul>	1  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper is merely a rephrasing of research, which others have already completed.</li> </ul>
<b>Completeness</b>	5  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper is fairly complete, topics are well covered and the paper covers all aspects of the topic</li> </ul>	4  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The research paper is fairly complete but the topics are not fully covered.</li> </ul>	3  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The research paper is missing one major aspect of the topic and topics are not fully covered.</li> </ul>	2  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The research paper fails to address two or three major aspects of the topic. The topics presented are only slightly covered.</li> </ul>	1  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The research paper fails to address several important aspects of the topic. The topic coverage is minimal.</li> </ul>
<b>Context</b>	5  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper places the object(s) or event(s) researched into a closely accurate historical context.</li> <li>If the paper covers artistic or construction techniques, it closely address the artistic or technological developments which led to these techniques.</li> </ul>	4  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper places the object(s) or event(s) researched into a mostly accurate historical context.</li> <li>If the paper covers artistic or construction techniques, one or two errors in the artistic or technological developments which led to these techniques are evident.</li> </ul>	3  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper places the object(s) or event(s) researched into a historical context, but several errors are evident.</li> <li>If the paper covers artistic or construction techniques, many errors in the artistic or technological developments which led to these techniques are evident.</li> </ul>	2  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper places the object(s) or event(s) researched into historical context, but many assumptions are incorrect.</li> <li>If the paper covers artistic or construction techniques, only some artistic or technological developments are discussed.</li> </ul>	1  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper places the object(s) into no historical context (eq. non-period references)</li> <li>If the paper covers artistic or construction techniques, no artistic or technological developments are discussed</li> </ul>
<b>Application of information</b>	5  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The author uses the gathered information to present original conclusions or present original instruction to the reader. Conclusions are reasonably well supported and/or instruction is easy to understand.</li> </ul>	4  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The author uses the gathered information to present original conclusions or present original instruction to the reader but conclusions are somewhat tenuous or instruction is slightly confusing.</li> </ul>	3  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The author uses the gathered information to present conclusions or instruct the reader but original conclusions are very tenuous or the instruction is quite difficult to follow.</li> </ul>	2  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The author uses the gathered information to merely present information or instruct the reader but the author makes no personal conclusions, or the author does not present original instruction.</li> </ul>	1  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The author presents the information as a list or sequence of facts with no cohesiveness. No attempts to draw conclusions or present instruction have been made.</li> </ul>

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**Documentation and Sources (2-20)**

Criteria	Scores				
<b>Degree</b>	<p>10-9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper draws from primary sources.</li> <li>Conclusions are reinforced by several additional primary sources.</li> </ul>	<p>8-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper draws heavily from primary sources.</li> <li>Conclusions are reinforced with secondary or tertiary sources.</li> </ul>	<p>6-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper draws from one primary source.</li> <li>Conclusions are not reinforced with additional sources.</li> </ul>	<p>4-3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper draws heavily from secondary sources.</li> <li>No author conclusions were evident.</li> </ul>	<p>2-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper draws heavily from secondary and tertiary sources</li> <li>No author conclusions were evident.</li> </ul>
<b>Support</b>	<p>10-9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All of the conclusions are supported by the documentation.</li> <li>The paper includes text citations referencing the sources (suggest MLA or APA format).</li> <li>Quotations are correctly cited.</li> <li>Bibliography contains all entries referenced by the work. Bibliography is correctly formatted to provide the maximum amount of information to the reader.</li> <li>Appendices are supplied where appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p>8-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most of the conclusions are supported by the documentation.</li> <li>The paper includes text citations referencing the sources (suggest MLA or APA format).</li> <li>Bibliography contains all entries referenced by the work. Minor formatting problems exist.</li> </ul>	<p>6-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The documentation contradicts the conclusions.</li> <li>The paper does not reference the sources with text citations but mention of the sources has been made in the text.</li> <li>Bibliography contains all reference works but format is inconsistent.</li> </ul>	<p>4-3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The documentation contradicts the information given in the paper (no conclusions were made).</li> <li>The paper does not reference all of the documentation. Some sources have never been mentioned in the paper or bibliography does not include all referenced works. Entries are inconsistent and do not give much information.</li> </ul>	<p>2-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The documentation contradicts the information in the paper (no conclusions were made).</li> <li>No reference to the documentation has been made in the paper. The bibliography contains sources that do not support the paper OR</li> <li>No bibliography is included.</li> </ul>

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## Technical Structure (1-5)

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## Presentation (1-5)

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