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**SPED 640-50**

**Nonfiction Research Writing project Rubric**

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|  | **What are we looking for? How much is it worth?** | **Points** |
| **Topic/**  **Content** | * **The piece is an informational report about a topic that interests the student** * **Total: 5 points** | **\_\_\_\_\_\_/5** |
| **Communication of ideas and research** | * **Information about the topic is fully explained → 10 points** * **Sequence of subtopics/subheadings and their importance are relevant to the reader → 10 points** * **Total: 20 points** | **\_\_\_\_\_\_/20** |
| **Elements of Informational nonfiction genre** | * **Focus is on a topic the student has researched → 5 points** * **Facts, details, definitions, and any other information related to the topic are included → 5 points** * **The facts are accurate → 5 points** * **At least 2 text features are included for each heading → 10 points** * **Minimum of 5 headings are introduced with at least 2 subheadings per heading → 5 points** * **Full glossary with at least 10 vocabulary words, parts of speech, and definitions → 5 points** * **A resource page dedicated to multiple websites where the reader can go to find more information about your topic → 5 points** * **Total: 40 points** | **\_\_\_\_\_\_/40** |
| **Individual expression and creativity** | * **A strong introduction (homepage for website, cover page for book), diagrams (illustrations, photographs, tables, graphs, etc), and colorful presentation help engage the reader** * **Total: 5 points** | **\_\_\_\_\_\_/5** |
| **Nonfiction sources** | * **At least 5 sources used → 10 points** * **MLA format is correctly use in the bibliography → 10 points** * **Total: 20 points** | **\_\_\_\_\_\_/20** |
| **Spelling/ Grammar** | * **Writing has been proofread for spelling and/or grammar errors → 5 points** * **Writing demonstrates grade-appropriate spelling conventions → 5 points** * **Total: 10 points** | **\_\_\_\_\_\_/10** |
| **Overall WOW! fator** | * **Scholar went above and beyond to show off their research. This could be in terms of research, visuals, presentation, etc.** | **+5 possible points** |
|  | **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/100 points ( +5 WOW points ) = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |  |