**Research Paper Assignment/Rubric**

**One of the last assignments of the year will be to write a longer piece – a research paper of 8 pages-You choose the topic (make it something that will impact your future plans, somehow), and you choose the format (MLA, APA, or Chicago). You must have at least four sources (two of which must be from a research search engine like EBSCO or Google Scholar), and the style should be formal (in third person).**

**Content:**

1. Define a specific topic with a thesis statement that captures purpose and audience \_\_\_6
2. Remain focused on the main idea, with original, thoughtful/compelling ideas \_\_\_\_\_10
3. Develop ideas with supportive details and sustain focus \_\_\_\_\_40

**Organization:**

1. Select an appropriate form \_\_\_\_\_\_\_4
2. Introduce with a compelling statement that informs purpose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_4
3. Include smooth paragraphs with fluid transitions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_5
4. Vary internal structures to enhance interest; maintain control \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4
5. Impact the reader with a dynamic and effective conclusion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4

**Conventions:**

1. Use conventions skillfully to enhance meaning, voice, and readability \_\_\_\_\_\_5
2. Use appropriate format to cite sources \_\_\_\_\_\_10

**Word Choice:** Use precise, interesting words and phrases \_\_\_\_\_\_\_4

**Voice:** Use an appropriate tone for the task. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_4

Total Value \_\_\_\_\_\_\_100

**Due: June 5th 2016**