

**Research Paper
First Draft Evaluation Form**

Name of Writer _____

Introduction captures attention, clearly states thesis, and mentions the areas of focus.

Yes No

The paper contains a thesis, which is a clear statement of what the writer intends to prove, and which is *not just a common sense generalization*.

Yes No

Paper is 3-5 pages, double spaced.

Yes No

Each paragraph appears to have a clear topic sentence.

Yes No

There is a conclusion that re-states the thesis.

Yes No

The paper contains proper parenthetical documentation.

Yes No

Comments _____

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