ENGLISH 9 HONORS 2015 RESEARCH PAPER
EVALUATION OF A CONTEMPORARY WORLD LEADER
HABITS of WORK RUBRIC

THESIS STATEMENT
● Thoughtfully crafted
● Due English – Thursday/Friday, April 16 & 17

WORKING WORKS CITED PAGE
● Proper format
● Due English — Monday, April 20

EFFECTIVE USE OF CLASSROOM/LIBRARY/Writing CENTER TIME

● Prepared
● On-task

OUTLINE

● Follows format
● Complete
● Due English—Thursday/Friday, April 23 & 24

FIRST DRAFT

● 5-7 pages (not including Works Cited page), word processed
● Works Cited page prepared according to MLA format
● Proper internal citations
● Evidence of personal proofreading
● SIGNATURE of adult proofreader
● Copies of sources
● Due Thursday/Friday, May 7 & 8 to English
**HOW TO GET AN A ON YOUR FINAL DRAFT**

**INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH**
- interesting grabber and lead into thesis statement  
  YES  NO
- overview of essential information  
  YES  NO
- thesis statement expressing your evaluation of your leader  
  YES  NO

**BODY PARAGRAPHS**

**CONTENT**
- summary of formative years  
  YES  NO
- route to leadership  
  YES  NO
- conditions in the country when the leader came to power  
  YES  NO
- major issues facing the country  
  YES  NO
- how your leader has addressed these issues  
  YES  NO
- overall effect on their country and the people of the country  
  YES  NO
- people of the country's evaluation of this person's leadership  
  YES  NO
- political analysts' or other leaders' evaluation of this person's leadership  
  YES  NO

**FORMAT (PARAGRAPH STRUCTURE)**
- topic sentence  
  YES  NO
- supporting details  
  YES  NO
- paragraph unity  
  YES  NO
- clincher sentence  
  YES  NO
- transitions between paragraphs  
  YES  NO
- academic voice  
  YES  NO
- synthesis of multiple sources within paragraphs  
  YES  NO

**CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH**
- summary of this leader's contribution to his/her country  
  YES  NO
- your evaluation of this person's leadership (academic voice)  
  YES  NO

**DOCUMENTATION (AUTHOR – PAGE CITATIONS)**
- correct format  (Brown 36) or (“A New Era in...” NP)  
  YES  NO
- author – page citations where needed  
  YES  NO
- all citations refer to sources in Works Cited  
  YES  NO
- reliance on a variety of sources  
  YES  NO

**WORKS CITED**
- 5 or more sources (No Wikipedia!)  
  YES  NO
- alphabetical order  
  YES  NO
- correct format  
  YES  NO
- a variety of sources  
  YES  NO

**LENGTH & FORMAT**
- 5-7 pages plus Works Cited page  
  YES  NO
- correct heading, margins and spacing  
  YES  NO
- evidence of Spell-check  
  YES  NO

**IMPROVEMENT FROM 1ST DRAFT**
- evidence of editing and revising for final draft  
  YES  NO
- correct punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure  
  YES  NO
- signature of an adult editor  
  YES  NO
- spelling  
  YES  NO