Death Penalty Paper: Scoring Guide

**\_\_\_\_\_Essay (150 points)**

* 3-4 pages single spaced, double sided / one inch margins / times font

 ***Content:***

* Clear position on issue
* Evidence (examples, stats, facts, quotes) is used to support main points/thesis
* Writing is clear/focused, thorough/ balanced & in-depth exploration of topic
* Writing makes connection & insights/inferences
* Critical thinking (analysis, synthesis, application, evaluation
* Concession / Refuting other side

 ***Organization:***

* *Introduction* is interesting/engaging. Thesis is clear.
* *Body* is in logical/ effective order, effective transitions among all elements

(sentences, paragraphs, ideas), moves from point to point.

* *Conclusion* links to introduction/sense of closure, creative or interesting.

 ***Style:*** Outstanding word choice, sophisticated sentence patterns, variety, effective voice.

 ***Conventions:*** Perfect spelling, grammar and punctuation.

**\_\_\_\_\_MLA Documentation Within Paper (30 points)** Turnitin %:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Correct documentation format
* Direct quotes are integrated into text, do not stand alone and not overused
* Quotes are well chosen (unique language, expert testimony, challenging language)
* Summarized/paraphrased materials are cited
* Variety of sources from Bibliography used throughout

**\_\_\_\_\_Bibliography (20 points)**

* Follows MLA / Perfect format (Alphabetical order, spacing, punctuation)
* Variety of sources used

**Grade:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**