

Research Paper Outline Grade Sheet for \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluated by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thesis statement** (5 points possible) Subtract 1-2 points for each error or omission.

Does the thesis identify a specific incidence of civil disobedience?

Does it make an **appropriate claim** about the civil disobedience incident?

Does it refer to MLK's standards for direct action?

Total points for thesis statement \_\_\_\_\_ /5

**Argument organization** (10 points possible) Subtract 1-5 points for each error or omission.

Does the outline suggest a well-reasoned, persuasive argument in support of the thesis?

Does the outline cover the necessary content elements?

- Explanation of MLK's definition and criteria for direct action
- Complete explanation and account of the civil disobedience event
- Discussion of relevant laws
- Evaluation of the event based on meeting MLK's direct action
- Evaluation of MLK's definition & criteria for direct action, based on analysis of the event

Is the outline clearly and logically organized?

Total points for argument organization \_\_\_\_\_ /10

**Supporting evidence** (10 points possible) Subtract 1-5 points for each error or omission.

Does the outline present specific relevant evidence to support most steps of the argument?

Does the outline suggest the paper will cover sufficient evidence to prove the thesis?

Does the outline include evidence from a variety of sources?

Total points for supporting evidence \_\_\_\_\_ /10

**Formatting & completeness** (15 points possible) Subtract 1-5 points for each error or omission.

Is the outline at least two pages long?

Are there complete sentences at every level?

Evaluate numbering, indentation, subordination, coordination, and completeness of levels.

Do proper MLA parenthetical in-text citations follow all source material (quotes, etc.)?

Total points for formatting & completeness \_\_\_\_\_ /15

Total points for research paper outline \_\_\_\_\_ /40