Student number:_____

Middletown Historical Society
Research Paper Contest Matrix

Yes Test: You must receive all "yeses" for your paper to be scored. Any "No" will stop further attention.

Yes	No	Basic Requirement
		1. Paper typed, double spaced, and pages numbered
		2. Thesis clearly stated in introduction and referenced in conclusion
		3. Correct documentation style (MLA-9) used in text
		4. Citing is evident
		5. Minimum of 2 sources
		6. Works Cited Page accurate and correctly formatted
		7. Paper meets length standards: Minimum 1,500 words-Maximum 2,500 words
		8. A minimum of 3 relevant images included and titled

4—Clearly a knowledgeable, practiced, skilled pattern
3—Evidence of a developing pattern
2—Superficial, random, limited consistencies
1—Unacceptable skill application

Content/Organization

Skill application demonstrates use which represents →	4	3	2	1
Introduction engaging and clearly defined thesis				
Interview knowledge has been adequately compared and contrasted with life in Middletown				
Text organization flows sensibly and smoothly				
Conclusion thoughtful, engaging, and clear				
Included images relevant and titled (Minimum 3, Maximum 5)				
Total:				

Use of Sources

Skill Application demonstrates use which represents →	4	3	2	1
Research information appropriately documented				
Enough outside information to clearly represent a research process				
Demonstrates use of paraphrasing, direct and indirect quotations				
Sources on Works Cited Page accurately match sources cited within text				
Total:				

Mechanics/Spelling/Usage/Format

Skill Application demonstrates use which represents →	3	2	1
12 point Times New Roman font and double spaced			
Grammatically correct			
Spelling			
Capitalization			
Punctuation			
Consistent format (MLA-9 or MLA-8)			
Total:			

Total Points:_____

Mission Statement:
The Middletown Historical Society collects, preserves, educates, and encourages the development of Middletown's history in order to foster historic awareness and pride in our community.