RESEARCH PAPER CHECKLIST

(when you can answer all of the questions with a “yes,” your paper is ready to hand in)

IDEAS
1. Is my research paper interesting and informative?
2. Are my sources current and trustworthy?

ORGANIZATION
3. Does my paper have a thesis statement in the opening paragraph and a topic sentence in each middle paragraph?
4. Does my ending paragraph bring my paper to a thoughtful close?

VOICE
5. Do I sound knowledgeable and interested in my topic?

WORD CHOICE
6. Have I explained any technical terms or unfamiliar words?
7. Do I use quotations and paraphrasing effectively?

SENTENCE FLUENCY
8. Do my sentences flow smoothly from one to another?

CONVENTIONS
9. Does my first page include my name, my teacher’s name, the class name, the date, and a title?
10. Do I correctly cite my sources?
11. Is my works-cited page set up correctly? Are the sources listed in alphabetical order?
12. If my teacher requires a title page, is mine done correctly?