



## **STEP #8: Evaluate Your Research Process & Your Final Product**

*It is important to review your work and see how you have done. Use the questions below to reflect on the process you used during your research and to evaluate your final product. After reading each question and reviewing your work, select a score from 1 (lowest) through 5 (highest) that best represents the quality of the work you feel you have done. Write a brief response to each question that explains why you evaluated yourself as you did.*

### **RESEARCH PROCESS & PRODUCT**

1. Before beginning my research, did I re-read the assignment carefully and make note of specific requirements, grading rubrics, and due-dates? Score\_\_\_\_\_
2. Did I begin by developing a thesis statement and/or specific questions I wanted to answer to help focus my research? Score\_\_\_\_\_
3. Did I use a variety of resources to locate my information?  
Score\_\_\_\_\_
4. Did I use a variety of keywords (broader/narrower) to access information? Did I use Boolean search techniques with electronic sources? Score\_\_\_\_\_
5. Did I evaluate the credibility of Internet sources that I used?  
Score\_\_\_\_\_
6. Did I use a consistent, organized system for note taking? Score\_\_\_\_\_
7. Did I answer all of my research questions? Score\_\_\_\_\_

8. Did I record the bibliographic information for each of my sources as I used them? Score\_\_\_\_\_

9. Did I use a parenthetical citation for each direct quote, summary, or paraphrase of information that I used from a source? Score\_\_\_\_\_

10. Did I create a works cited list or bibliography, according to the assignment directions? Score\_\_\_\_\_

11. Did I organize my notes and create an outline before writing? Score\_\_\_\_\_

12. Did I thoroughly proofread my final draft and make necessary corrections? Score\_\_\_\_\_

13. Have I met all of the assignment requirements? Score\_\_\_\_\_

14. Did I include an introductory and closing paragraph? Score\_\_\_\_\_

15. Does my final product reflect my best effort? Score\_\_\_\_\_

16. Is the writing in my final product strong in the “six traits?” Score\_\_\_\_\_

17. Is my final product neat and easy to read? Score\_\_\_\_\_

18. Will those reading/viewing my final product understand what my research was about? Score\_\_\_\_\_

19. Is my final product my own work, in my own words? Score\_\_\_\_\_

20. Did I take the time to evaluate my research process and my final product? Score\_\_\_\_\_

**Congratulations, you have completed your research!**