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I-Search Progress Report
Rubric for Scoring

Score of 4

These papers will clearly state what it is the author is searching and why. They will include a clear first-person narrative of the search so far. The search thus far will show fullness and depth. These papers will also include plan for future searching. These writing will contain strong introductions, transitions and information that is relevant to the reader's understanding. Additionally, the writer will demonstrate lively writing and stylistically mature writing with a strong voice, vivid detail, and only minor style errors. These papers will demonstrate an understanding of the MLA format including paper set-up, citations, and the Works Cited page. These papers should include a minimum of five sources of two different types.

Score of 3

These papers will state what it is the author is searching and why. They will tell the story of the search so far. The search thus far may lack fullness and depth, but will be adequate. These papers suggest a plan for future searching. These papers contain an introduction, transitions, and information that is relevant to the reader's understanding. Generally, the writer will demonstrate lively and effective writing, but may not be stylistically mature or have as strong a voice as 4 papers. There may be few distracting style errors, but none that significantly impair understanding. These papers will include a minimum of five sources of 2 different types and at least 3 that are published.

Score of 2

These papers will state what it is the author is searching, but may not adequately convey the personal importance of the search. Although narrative in parts, the paper may sound like a traditional research paper at times, or show inadequate evidence of depth in search so far. These papers may suggest a plan for future searching. These papers are likely to give sense of underdevelopment or vagueness. These papers may be organized, but the organization may be tedious along with a lack of details – or simply adequate details – and a mundane style and/or vocabulary. There may be some distracting style errors. There may be several deficiencies in the use of MLA style and there may not be the required number of sources.

Score of 1

These papers may have an effort to show search, but they are typically underdeveloped, vague, or filled with serious style errors. These papers may provide information based on research and may follow format rules but do not tell the story of the search (in other words, these may be straight forward research papers that are “correct” in many ways but are not I – search papers). There may be enough deficiencies in MLA style to indicate a complete lack of understanding of how to follow MLA guidelines and/or the paper falls significantly short of source requirements.

Score of 0

These papers do not meet the basic requirements of the paper. (For example, they may have no sources or no credible sources: they may be so brief as to be ungradable; they may have no sources or no credible sources; they be so brief as to be ungradable; they may have no Works Cited page or show no apparent attempt to employ MLA guidelines for form and citation; the paper may be an interesting and engaging story but show no real evidence of searching).