

March Madness Research Paper Rubric

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Your paper is written in "Times New Roman" 12-point font.	6 or 0
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