PROCESS #1 RUBRIC

	Level 4 80-100%	Level 3 70-79%	Level 2 60-69%	Level 1 50-59%
Thinking Research question is appropriate for the topic	-questions are thoughtful, creative, and closely relate to topic -selects a thoughtful and analytical research question	-questions closely relate to the topic -selects a research question that relates to the topic and is analytical	-questions relate to the topic somewhat -selects a research question that is somewhat related/thoughtful	-questions are unrelated to the topic -selects a research question that will result in a description rather than analysis of the topic
Mind map	-mind map explores varied possible answers to the question	-mind map explores many possible answers to the question	-mind map explores several possible answers to the question	-mind map explores a few possible answers to the question
Research covers foundation of topic Research answers the research question	-all research is thorough (more than 5 pages), accurate, relevant to: -topic -research question	-most research is thorough (has 5 pages.), accurate, relevant to: -topic -research question	-research is somewhat thorough (has 4 pages), accurate, relevant to: -topic	-research quality & quantity is insufficient for: -topic -research question
Sources should be varied and cover different aspects of the topic (not just repeating same information)	-research comes from a wide variety of sources and covers breadth of topic	-research comes from a variety of sources and covers most of breadth of topic	-research question -research sources have some variety and covers topic	-research variety is insufficient
Thesis statement	-written as 1 sentence, is thoughtful, arguable, and answers the research question	-written as 1 sentence, is arguable, and answers the research question	-not written as 1 sentence, is a statement of fact, & somewhat answers the research question	-not written as 1 sentence and doesn't answer the research question
Application: Understands how to use APA format for References list	-APA citation is used with a high degree of effectiveness	-APA citation is used with a mostly high degree of effectiveness	-APA citation is used with a some effectiveness	-APA citation is incorrect
Chooses quality, academic sources (minimum 5)	-more than 5 quality academic sources are used	-5 quality academic sources are used	-less than 5 quality academic sources are used	-less than 5 quality academic sources are used

*Turn over for next steps

☐ You have selected a topic that is inappropriate for this course. The instructions stated that if you choose a topic off the list, you needed to clear it with your teacher by providing 3 credible sources related to your topic. Only with approval should you have continued with Process #1.
☐ You should make an appointment with teacher to review your research question.
☐ Your mind map is superficially completed. You need to do this thoroughly because it will help you with your research. You should investigate each idea so that you have a full picture of your topic and can answer your research question fully.
☐ You have 1 or more unreliable sources. Always investigate the author and the publication to see if you can determine if the author is an expert in the field you are investigating or if the source is reliable. See me if you are unsure how to determine whether or not a source is reliable.
☐ The assignment requires more research before moving on to Process #2. The assignment is incomplete.
 □ You need to re-write your thesis. The problem is that: □ it doesn't answer your research question. □ it isn't written in one grammatically correct sentence. □ it should be written as an arguable statement (meaning, someone could argue against you). □ it could be more thoughtfully written.
☐ You should fix the problems indicated above and show your teacher before moving on to Process #2.
☐ After you fix the smaller problems outlined by your teacher, you are ready to move on to Process #2. Ask for clarification if you need to. You do not need to show your teacher your revisions.
☐ You ready to move on to Process #2 directly! Well done!