

# Isn't Evolution Just a Theory?

## Terms and Conditions

I agree to....

\_\_\_\_\_ Come to class each day and immediately begin work on my persuasive essay. I will be on task and will not disrupt others while I work.

\_\_\_\_\_ If I leave the classroom for work related to my essay, I will be back in the room when class is over.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will keep up with this agreement and my notes handout and will carry them with me at all times.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will do the work required to earn an A or a B based on the rubric below.

Please initial each line stating your agreement to terms and conditions of the Independent Study.

## RUBRIC

Criteria	1	2	3	4
Focus or Thesis Statement	The thesis statement does not name the topic AND does not preview what will be discussed.	The thesis statement outlines some or all of the main points to be discussed but does not name the topic.	The thesis statement names the topic of the essay.	The thesis statement names the topic of the essay and outlines the main points to be discussed.
Support For Position	Includes 1 or fewer pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences).	Includes 2 pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that support the position statement.	Includes 3 or more pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that support the position statement.	Includes 3 or more pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that support the position
Evidence and Examples	Evidence and examples are NOT relevant AND/OR are not explained.	At least one of the pieces of evidence and examples is relevant and has an explanation that shows how that piece of evidence supports the author's position.	Most of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's position.	All of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's position
Sources	Many sources are suspect (not credible) AND/OR are not cited correctly.	Most sources used for quotes, statistics and facts are credible and cited correctly.	All sources used for quotes, statistics and facts are credible and most are cited correctly.	All sources used for quotes, statistics and facts are credible and cited correctly.
Grammar and Spelling	Author makes more than 4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Author makes 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Author makes 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Author makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.

