Final Project - Information Literacy

The Assignment:

1. **Select a topic** from the "Topics in IT" list.
2. **Research** your topic using the library's online databases and the Web.
3. **Prepare a "References" page** in APA format with a minimum of 5 references. (2 library database articles and 3 web references is the minimum requirement).
4. **Write** a 3-5 page research paper in APA formatting that does the following:
   a. Communicates a significant degree of understanding and appreciation of the topic
   b. Presents 3 main findings from your research
   c. Draws important conclusions about your findings
   d. Includes a cover page, abstract, the paper with in-text citations, a references page
5. **Package** your paper and supporting documentation for submission. Be sure to secure your work with a binder, clip, folder, or some type of organizing hardware.
6. **Present** your findings to the class in a 5-7 minute **MS-PowerPoint** presentation.

You will be graded as follows:

(20 points) The Presentation

- Creative, interesting, and polished.
- Excellent use of the presentation software.
- Attention was paid to images, transitions, animations, and theme.

(70 points) The Paper

content of the paper (30 points)
   Does the paper:
- Communicate a significant degree of understanding and appreciation of the topic
- Present 3 main findings from your research
- Draw important conclusions about your findings

formatting and composition of the paper (30 points)
- APA formatting for cover page, abstract, paper with in-text citations, and references page
- Essay has a clear beginning (opening), middle (details), and end (summary)
- Sentences are structured and words are chosen to communicate ideas clearly
- Paper is free of grammatical and spelling errors
- Arial, 12pt font, double spacing, 3-5 pages, 1" margins

ethical and legal use of information (10 points)
- "References" page with a minimum of 5 references – 2 from library DB articles and 3 from the Web
- At least one in-text citation for each reference (minimum of 5 in-text citations)

(10 points) Packaging

- cover page, abstract, paper with in-text citations, references page
- paper outline
- PowerPoint slides in handout view
- secure your work with a binder, clip, folder, or some type of organizing hardware

Due: _____   **IST 101** – Computer Concepts   Name:_____

Research topic#:_____   Instructor:_____   Semester: _____

Category	Criteria	Possible Points	Points Earned
Presentation	Creative, interesting, and polished. Excellent use of the presentation software. Attention paid to images, transitions, animations, and theme.	A: 18-20 B: 16-17 C: 14-15 D: 12-13 F: 0-11	
Paper Content	Communicates a significant degree of understanding and appreciation of the topic. Presents 3 main findings from your research. Draws important conclusions about your findings.	A: 27-30 B: 24-26 C: 21-23 D: 18-20 F: 0-17	
Paper formatting and composition	APA formatting for cover page, abstract, paper with **in-text citations**, and references page. Essay has a clear beginning (opening), middle (details), and end (summary). Sentences are structured and words are chosen to communicate ideas clearly. Paper is free of grammatical and spelling errors. Arial, 12pt font, double spacing, 3-5 pages, 1" margins	A: 27-30 B: 24-26 C: 21-23 D: 18-20 F: 0-17	
Ethical and legal use of information	"References" page with a minimum of 5 references – 2 from library DB articles and 3 from the Web. At least one in-text citation for each reference (minimum of 5 in-text citations).	A: 9-10 B: 8 C: 7 D: 6 F: 0-5	
Packaging	Includes a cover page, abstract, paper with in-text citations, references page, paper outline, and PowerPoint slides in handout view. Work is secured with a binder, clip, folder, or some type of organizing hardware	A: 9-10 B: 8 C: 7 D: 6 F: 0-5	
Final Project final grade		A: 90-100 B: 80-89 C: 70-79 D: 60-69 F: 0-59	