

## “BURNS” – A RESEARCH PAPER

You will be writing a research paper on the topic of **burns of the skin**.

This paper should be approx. 3 or 4 pages in length. (You will not be graded on length, you will be graded on the *quality* and *content* of your paper!)

The paper should be well written (*excellent grammar, spelling and organization*)

You will include in your paper a final bibliography, citing every source that you have used in Harvard referencing style.

You also must have a title, introduction and conclusion.

### Some suggested web sites to search for:

American Burn Association  
Burn Survivors On-Line  
International Society for Burn Injuries

### Some suggested web addresses to try:

[www.focusonskin.com](http://www.focusonskin.com)  
[www.cooltheburn.com](http://www.cooltheburn.com)  
[www.quickcare.org](http://www.quickcare.org)

Don't forget to also look in your text book!

***There should be absolutely no evidence of plagiarism.***

***If there is you will get a zero grade on this research task paper.***

**All of the following information must be included.**

However, you may present your information in any sequence you feel is appropriate.

### Burn Classifications

- what are the three classifications of burns
- what is the appearance or symptoms of each type
- what layers of skin are affected for each type
- how the function of various skin structures is affected
- how sensation is affected
- how long does it take to heal each type
- which burn type is most serious and why
- why are burns so painful compared to other types of injuries

### Burn Treatments

- what should immediately be done if you suffer a burn
- what should *not* be done if you suffer a burn
- medical options for the treatment of severe burns
- home remedies – which ones are reliable, which are not
- how does the amount of skin burned affect the prognosis
- problems and issues faced by burn survivors

### Burn Prevention

- consider the causes of burns: heat, electrical, chemical
- what are the common ways that these types of burns occur
- what are some precautions to be taken for preventing each type of burn

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## “BURNS” RESEARCH PAPER - GRADING CHECKLIST

This paper is worth 35 points total. 10 points is deducted for **each** day late.  
The parentheses contain the total point value that could be earned for that topic.  
The points *you* have earned for each topic is written on the line.

### **Classifications:**

- \_\_\_ 1. Classifications given (1)
- \_\_\_ 2. Appearance/symptoms for *each* type (2)
- \_\_\_ 3. Layers of skin affected for *each* type (2)
- \_\_\_ 4. How functions are affected for *each* type (2)
- \_\_\_ 5. How long does healing take for *each* type (2)
- \_\_\_ 6. How sensation is affected (2)
- \_\_\_ 7. Why is 3<sup>rd</sup> degree most serious (2)
- \_\_\_ 8. Why are burns so painful (1)

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| <b>A</b> = 32 – 35 |
| <b>B</b> = 28 – 31 |
| <b>C</b> = 25 – 27 |
| <b>D</b> = 21 – 24 |

### **Treatments:**

- \_\_\_ 9. Immediate treatment (2)
- \_\_\_ 10. Treatment to avoid (1)
- \_\_\_ 11. Medical options (2)
- \_\_\_ 12. Home remedies (1)
- \_\_\_ 13. Quantity of skin; prognosis (2)
- \_\_\_ 14. Problems of survivors (2)

### **Prevention:**

- \_\_\_ 15. Three causes of burns discussed (2)
- \_\_\_ 16. How can they be prevented (2)

### **Quality:**

- \_\_\_ 17. Grammar, spelling, own words (2)
- \_\_\_ 18. Clear organization (2)
- \_\_\_ 19. Neatness (1)

### **References/Bibliography:**

- \_\_\_ 20. Present and accurate (2)

Dr Jilly's comments:

Plagiarism scores a ZERO

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL POINTS:** \_\_\_\_\_