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**TWIN CITIES REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR
LIBRARY RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION COMMENTS**

Congratulations on writing a scientific research paper and competing at the Twin Cities regional level! This is a high honor, which few young people will achieve. Here are some specific things that you can work on to help you advance even further next year.

_____ **Spelling and/or grammar** need work

_____ **Bibliography/Works Cited** is missing or needs work in form or content. Use original sources, not sources that are quoted by your sources. Include the URL and date accessed for web site references.

_____ **Pages** of the body of the paper must be numbered.

_____ **Background information** needs to be presented, including the sources and importance of these ideas.

_____ **Statement of Purpose** needs to be clearly stated.

_____ Thoroughness of the **Literature Search** needs to be apparent in your work. The number and quality of the sources (scientific vs. popular) are considered and must reflect the state of knowledge in the area of study. Sources should contain alternative approaches or opposing theories or interpretations.

_____ The **Discussion** section must compare, contrast, or highlight different theories or possible interpretations of the literature presented in the Literature Search. The student's creative and/or scientific thinking is to be evident as the literature is discussed and interpreted.

_____ **Conclusions** must be logical, well supported, and based on the material presented in the paper.

_____ The **Abstract** is missing, not clearly stated, or is over the 250 word limit.

_____ **Further ideas** must point out new questions that are raised or suggest ideas for further research..

_____ *Paper must meet **TCRSF criteria** required for competition.

Additional comments: _____
