**Forensics Paper #1: Biometrics**

Biometrics are distinctive, measurable physiological or behavioral characteristics used as a form of identification and access control.

Examples of biometrics include:

* Fingerprint
* Face recognition
* Hand geometry
* DNA sequence
* Iris recognition
* Retinal vein pattern
* Voice recognition
* Shape of ear
* Walking style (gait)
* Palm vein pattern

Paper Components

* Introduction: Overview of what biometrics are and how they’re used
* Criteria: For using selecting a characteristic to be used as a biometric
* Examples: Pick 3 examples above and describe the biometric characteristic in detail
* Application: For each example you pick, explain how it is specifically used as a biometric (either currently or proposed)
* Controversy: Discuss privacy issues, discrimination, **OR** identity theft
* Conclusion: Summary and potential for widespread use in future

Paper Format

* Standard font and margins, double-spaced
* **Length 2-3 pages**
* **Minimum 5 sources**
* **Proper MLA format (in-text citation & works cited)**

Assessment = 100 points

* Introduction = 5 points
* Criteria = 10 points
* Examples = 30 points
* Application = 30 points
* Controversy = 10 points
* Conclusion = 5 points
* Format = 10 points

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