

Biome Newspaper Rubric

Levels:						
Criteria:	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Most Disappointing	Score
Content (Biologist) Name _____	(70 – 63 points) All components are present; all show depth of understanding	(62 - 56 points) All components are present; some components show depth of understanding	(55 – 49 points) All components are present, but lacks depth of understanding and elaboration: - Identifies the biodiversity within the assigned biome. - Clearly explains how biodiversity is threatened within the biome. - Identifies a relationship between two organisms within this ecosystem	(48 – 42 points) Missing 1 of the required components; Content presented shows lack of understanding.	(41 – 0 points) Missing 2 of the required components	
Graphics	(5 points) A graphic is present with caption that clearly describes the image. Graphic is referred to in the text.	(4 points) A graphic is present with caption that clearly describes the image.	(3 points) A graphic is present with caption	(2 – 1 points) A graphic is present without a caption.	(0 points) No graphics	
Writing Style (Technical, Audience, Voice, etc.)	(5 points) 3rd person editorial voice used, writing to general audience, citations within text, more fluent use of professional language with depth of vocabulary	(4 points) 3 rd person editorial voice used, writing to general audience, use of professional language with depth of vocabulary	(3 points) 3 rd person editorial voice used; writing to general audience, use of professional language (no slang, IM speak, etc.)	(2 points) 1 st or 2 nd person; writes to general audience most of the time; some use of professional language	(1 – 0 points) 1 st or 2 nd person; Writes to general audience some of the time; Very little use of professional language	
Mechanics (Grammar, Punctuation, Sentence Structure, etc.)	(10 - 9 points) Perfect grammar, punctuation, sentence structure	(8 points) Minor errors in grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure that do not obstruct meaning or content	(7 points) Some errors in grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure and do not obstruct meaning or content	(6 points) Frequent errors in grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure that may or may not obstruct meaning or content	(5 - 0 points) Major errors in grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure that obstruct meaning or content	

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Format (Group Grade)	(10 - 9 points) All of the following format requirements met: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1" margins- 2 - columns- Single-spacing of article text- Titles clear- Image(s) inserted and text-wrapped "tight" or "square"- Consistency in title, sub-title and article fonts	(8 points) Missing 1 of the format requirements	(7 points) Missing 2 of the format requirements	(6 points) Missing 3 – 4 of the format requirements	(5 - 0 points) Missing 5 – 6 of the format requirements	
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