

Biome Newspaper Rubric

Levels:						
	Expert	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Most Disappointing	Score
Criteria:						
Content (Ecologist) 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: - Presents a possible solution to the problems presented by the other researchers. - Explores the biotic factors that make up that biome. Biotic factors should include the flora and fauna typically found in that biome, - Explores the abiotic factors that make-up the biome. - Addresses factors that may potentially limit growth in the biome.	(48 – 42 points) Missing 1 to 2 of the required components; Content presented shows lack of understanding.	(41 – 0 points) Missing 3 to 4 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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