

Defining the Arctic Region - Final Essay Rubric

Score	Ideas (Score x 2)	Organization	Language Facility and Conventions	Map
4 Strong 100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ There is a clear description of the findings of the Arctic Region Convention. ☆ The self-assessment clearly describes both what the student learned as well as how they contributed to their group and the convention. ☆ Each topic is strongly supported with many clear and important details. ☆ The writer connects the facts and observations in an original way. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ The introduction, body and conclusion are very strong. ☆ Each idea is clearly connected to the next. ☆ The transitions are very strong. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ The first-person point of view is used creatively and consistently. ☆ Verb tenses are used consistently. ☆ Sentence beginnings, lengths, and structures vary and have a rhythmic flow. ☆ Spelling, capitalization, and punctuation are correct. ☆ Grammar and usage are correct. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ All borders accurately demonstrate the findings of the Arctic Region Council. ☆ Map elements (title, key and labels) are clear. ☆ Map is colorful and neat; all labels are in ink.
3 Stronger than Weak 85%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ There is a description of the findings of the Arctic Region Convention. ☆ The self-assessment generally describes both what the student learned as well as how they contributed to their group and the convention. ☆ Topics are clearly supported but details may need more elaboration. ☆ The writer generally connects facts and observations somewhat originally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ There is an introduction, body and conclusion. ☆ Generally each idea connects to the next. ☆ The transitions are clear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ The writing shifts from the first-person point of view in one or two places. ☆ Verb tenses are used consistently. ☆ Sentence beginnings, lengths, and structures vary somewhat. ☆ Several spelling, capitalization, and punctuation mistakes occur. Some grammatical and usage errors are repeated in the narrative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ Most borders accurately demonstrate the findings of the Arctic Region Council. ☆ Map elements (title, key and labels) are mostly clear. ☆ Map is somewhat colorful and neat; most labels are in ink.
2 Weaker than Strong 70%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ Some parts of the assignment are missing or are unclear. ☆ Not all of the topics are supported with details. ☆ The writer's observations are not typical and the facts here seldom connect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ The introduction, body or conclusion is unclear. ☆ The ideas generally do not connect to each other. ☆ The transitions are unclear and difficult to follow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ The writing shifts from the first-person point of view in many places. ☆ Verb tenses are used somewhat inconsistently. ☆ Sentence structures barely vary, and some fragments or run-on sentences are present. ☆ Spelling, capitalization, and punctuation are often incorrect but do not interfere with reading the narrative. ☆ Grammar and usage are often incorrect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ Many borders do not accurately demonstrate the findings of the Arctic Region Council. ☆ Map elements are missing or unclear. ☆ Map is somewhat neat but lacks color; many are in not in ink.
1 Weak 60%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ Many parts of the assignment are missing or are unclear. ☆ There are no details here. ☆ The writer has neither facts nor observation here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ The introduction, body or conclusion is missing. ☆ Ideas do not connect to each other. ☆ There are no transitions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ The writing lacks a consistent point of view. ☆ Verb tenses are used very inconsistently. ☆ Repetitive sentence structure, fragments, and run-on sentences make the writing hard to follow. ☆ Spelling, capitalization, and punctuation are incorrect throughout. ☆ Many grammatical and usage errors change the meaning of the writer's ideas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ Map does not accurately demonstrate the findings of the Arctic Region Council. ☆ Most map elements are unclear or missing ☆ Map is messy.