

WebQuest Individual Article

Grading Rubric

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Article Structure and Layout	Article includes a headline, byline, place-line, clear introduction/lead sentence, body/explanation, and conclusion.	Article presents some formatting errors of the basic structure of a news article.	Article presents many formatting errors.	Article did not follow the basic structure of a news article.
Historical Accuracy	All historical information is accurate; includes important facts, accurately documents quotations, and includes additional historical evidence.	Some historical information is not completely accurate and/or is not presented in a chronological order; but presents important facts, accurately documents quotations, and includes additional historical evidence.	Most historical information is not completely accurate and/or is not presented in a chronological order; presented some facts.	Article did not present any accurate historical information and did not provide accurate or important historical evidence.

<p>Evidence and Examples</p>	<p>Includes many different sources, includes All of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's position.</p>	<p>Most of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's position.</p>	<p>At least one of the pieces of evidence and examples is relevant and has an explanation that shows how that piece of evidence</p>	<p>Evidence and examples are NOT relevant AND/OR are not explained.</p>
<p>Closing paragraph</p>	<p>The conclusion is strong and leaves the reader solidly understanding the writer's position. Effective restatement of the position statement begins the closing paragraph.</p>	<p>The conclusion is recognizable. The author's position is restated within the first two sentences of the closing paragraph.</p>	<p>The author's position is restated within the closing paragraph, but not near the beginning.</p>	<p>There is no conclusion - the editorial just ends.</p>

Sentence Structure	All sentences are well-constructed with varied structure.	Most sentences are well-constructed and there is some varied sentence structure in the essay.	Most sentences are well constructed, but there is no variation in structure.	Most sentences are not well-constructed or varied.
Grammar & Spelling	Author makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distracts the reader from the content.	Author makes 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Author makes 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Author makes more than 4 errors in grammar or spelling that distracts the reader from the content.
Sources	All sources used for quotes, statistics and facts are credible and cited correctly.	All sources used for quotes, statistics and facts are credible and most are cited correctly.	Most sources used for quotes, statistics and facts are credible and cited correctly.	Many sources are suspect (not credible) AND/OR are not cited correctly.