

Scoring Rubric Newspaper Article



SCORE:

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Content and Topic	Clearly stated topic related to assignment	Clearly stated topic related to assignment	Topic clearly stated	Topic not readily apparent
	Focus on topic or its extensions maintained	Focus on topic maintained	Topic related to assignment	Topic unrelated to assignment
	Topic explored and extended	Topic explored thoroughly	Focus on topic maintained	Topic mentioned but not explored
	Evidence of novel ideas or higher-order thinking			
Details and Evidence	Abundant, unique details and evidence	Abundant details and evidence	Some details and evidence	Details and evidence lacking
	Necessary facts and details included and elaborated	All necessary facts and details included	Most necessary facts and details included	Details and evidence unrelated to topic
	Details and evidence support, elaborate on, and extend topic	Details and evidence support or elaborate on topic	Details and evidence relate directly to topic	
Organization and Clarity	Organization focused on topic, main ideas, and any extensions of ideas	Organization focused on topic and main ideas	Organization focused on topic	Organization scattered, incoherent organization
	Beginning, middle, end, and transitions	Beginning, middle, and end	Some sense of style or format (e.g., impartial news article, editorial)	Grammar and writing conventions poor
	Format apparent	Sense of format		
	Grammar and writing conventions mastered	Grammar and writing conventions mastered	Grammar and writing conventions acceptable	

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