

Humans and the Environment

Responsible citizenship requires that we understand how humans interact with the environment. You will either propose a solution to a current environmental issue, or you will analyze a historical situation in terms of the environment and propose a reasonable alternative.

Your Task

In a cohesive paper or presentation, you will:

- Analyze a current or historical environmental issue by providing background information that analyzes the development of the issue.
- State a claim about an environmental issue.
- Provide reasons for your claim, supported by evidence, including:
 - A possible solution or an alternative solution (historical).
 - An analysis of benefits and/or costs of two or more stakeholders' uses of the environment.
- Cite specific textual evidence from at least three credible sources that provide relevant information.

Humans and the Environment Rubric

Score	4	3	2	1
Claim	I stated a claim about an environmental issue (current or historical) while providing a reasonable solution and drawing a conclusion about how studying this issue helps us understand other environmental issues.	I stated a claim about an environmental issue (current or historical) while providing a reasonable solution.	I stated a claim about an environmental issue (current or historical), but I did not provide a reasonable solution.	I described an environmental issue, but I did not state a claim.
Background Analysis	I provided extensive background on the event by both describing the event, and providing a thorough analysis of the development of the issue.	I provided background on the event by both describing the event, and providing an analysis of the development of the issue.	I provided background on the event by either describing the event, or providing a thorough analysis of the development of the issue.	I provided background information, but I did not analyze.
Evidence & Reasoning	I provided reason(s) for the claim, supported by evidence, including an analysis of benefits and/or costs of three (or more) stakeholders' uses of the environment.	I provided reason(s) for the claim, supported by evidence, including an analysis of benefits and/or costs of two stakeholders' uses of the environment.	I provided reason(s) for the claim, supported by evidence, including an analysis of benefits and/or costs of one stakeholder's use(s) of the environment.	I provided reason(s) for the claim, but I did not include an analysis of stakeholders' uses of the environment.
Citations	I cited specific textual evidence from four or more credible sources that provide relevant information.	I cited specific textual evidence from three credible sources that provide relevant information.	I cited specific textual evidence from two credible sources that provide relevant information.	I cited specific textual evidence from one credible source that provides relevant information.
Sources	My sources are varied (primary and secondary) and represent more than one point of view.	My sources are varied (primary and secondary) and represent more than one point of view.	My sources are not varied, and they represent one point of view far more than another.	My sources are not varied, and I rely too much on one source for my evidence.

No Score (NS) is given if the work is unintelligible; in a language other than English; off topic; off purpose; or copied.