

EYE ON THE ENVIRONMENT ESSAY

Performance Standard 30A.I

Demonstrate research skills and write paragraphs describing the impacts of pollution accordingly:

- *Knowledge*: know vocabulary for environmental issues;
- *Comprehension*: understand various aspects and consequences of pollution; and
- *Communication*: use appropriate strategies to communicate ideas.

Procedures

1. ***In order to use the target language to reinforce and further knowledge of other disciplines (30A)***, students should experience sufficient learning opportunities to develop the following:
 - Analyze the impact of human activity (e.g., population density, pollution) to a country where the target language is spoken.
2. Have students review and discuss the assessment task and how the rubric will be used to evaluate their work.
3. Instruct students to use accurate and current research, citing at least two sources.
4. Have students prepare a three paragraph essay and describe the impact of pollution on the environment and the economics of a country where the target language is spoken:
 - paragraph one: introduction to the essay and outline the situation in the country.
 - paragraph two: at least two specific examples of and impact of pollution in the country.
 - paragraph three: what, if anything, is being done to improve the situation or what could be done to improve the situation, and a prediction on the future of the area in terms of pollution and pollution control that will serve as a conclusion.
4. Only the outline may be used to compose the essay (no dictionaries).
5. Evaluate the student's performance using the Foreign Language Rubric as follows and add the scores to determine the performance level:
 - *Knowledge*: knew vocabulary and structures.
 - *Comprehension*: understood consequences of pollution.
 - *Communication*: used appropriate strategies and communication skills.

Examples of Student Work not available

Time Requirements

- Two days for research as homework
- One-half class period for outlining essays
- One class period to write essay from outline

Resources

- Research materials
- Dictionaries
- Writing materials
- Foreign Language Rubric