**Global Studies - Rubric**

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| **Success Criteria** | **Excels****10** | **Secure****9.5** | **Developing****8** | **Beginning****6** |
| **Introducing the Issue and Establishing My Audience**I have clearly and concisely introduced the issue, proposal or problem under study. The reader has a clear understanding of my choice of audience and my purpose for writing *(W.2.4.9-10).*  |  | * Includes introduction sentence
* Includes appropriate transitions between ideas in the introduction paragraph
* Include thesis that covers all main points in the paper
* Includes relevant background information about the topic
* Can clearly tell who the audience is
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| **Effectively Organizing and Displaying My Information**I have organized ideas, concepts and information to make important connections, including the purposeful use of subheadings intended to aid comprehension *(W.4.9-10).*I have thoughtfully formatted and utilized graphics (figures, tables) to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically *(W.6.9-10).* |  | * Uses subheadings to divide up the text into all topics that are discussed
* Paragraph structure is organized and makes logical sense – use of topic sentences, transitions, text evidence and commentary are evident
* Figures and tables are included that tie directly with the perspective being researched.
* Correct citation is used for the figures/tables included (MLA citation of the website you found the picture from)
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| **Selecting and Citing Relevant Information**I have gathered relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources. I have carefully considered the usefulness of each source in answering the research question *(W.8.9-10).*I avoid plagiarism by citing my sources, following MLA format, and providing a works cited section *(W.8.9-10).* |  | * Use of websites is limited and there is more of a focus on database research instead of just using the internet (must use at least ONE database source)
* Uses correct MLA format for in-text citations and a works cited page
* Uses a minimum of two sources per perspective being researched (could be the same source for each perspective)
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| **Synthesis and Evaluation of Information**My writing establishes and maintains a formal style and objective tone that is appropriate to writing a research brief *(W.2e.9-10).*I have developed each side of the issue with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, direct quotes, and other information or examples. I selectively integrated information into my writing to maintain the flow of ideas *(W.2b.8.9-10)*. |  | * Choose and research two perspectives on the Amazon Rainforest
* Present the positives and negatives about each perspective (minimum of 2-3 positives and negatives about each perspective)
* Include insightful commentary about the positives and negatives of each perspective showing a clear understanding of each point of view
* Use appropriate transitions when weaving in quotes – SIGNAL PHRASES!
* No FIRST person – “I, me, you, we etc.”
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| **Concluding and Offering a Recommendation**I have crafted a concluding recommendation specific for my chosen audience that is clear, direct, and substantiated by the information presented *(W.3.9-10).* |  | * Based on the research used a recommendation should be formed
* A clear recommendation needs to be found in the concluding paragraph
* In the concluding paragraph reference your research to support your position – your recommendation should be objective (no opinion statements) and shouldn’t add any NEW text evidence
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