

Humans and the Environment

Because we all depend on the health of the environment, responsible citizens need to understand how humans affect and are affected by the environment. You will choose and study two groups of people living in the same or similar environments, and you will compare and contrast how those groups interact with their environments.

Your Task

In a cohesive paper or presentation, you will:

- State a claim about two groups' uses of the environment. Your claim should include a thorough evaluation of how the two groups' uses are similar or different.
- Provide background on your claim by explaining one or more plausible alternatives to the groups' uses of the environment; your explanation should address costs and benefits.
- Provide reasons supporting the claim based on evidence. Derive your reasons from your analysis of one or more significant similarities or differences related to the groups' uses of the environment.
- Refer explicitly within the paper or presentation to three or more credible sources that provide relevant information, *and* cite specific textual evidence from at least three different sources that provide relevant information:
 - Cite your sources when you draw information from them: for instance, when you summarize, paraphrase, or quote, and when you refer to facts, figures, and ideas.
 - Provide complete publication information for each source in your bibliography or list of works cited.

Humans and the Environment Rubric

Score	4	3	2	1
Claim	I stated a claim regarding two groups' interactions with the environment, <i>and</i> I made a general statement concerning how these groups' experiences help us understand a current issue or event.	I stated a claim regarding two groups' interactions with the environment.	I stated a claim regarding one group's interactions with the environment.	I stated a claim that is vague, implausible, or inaccurate.
Concepts	In support of my claim, I provided reasons based on evidence, including: An explanation of the interactions. An analysis of <i>at least two</i> similarities and differences between stakeholders' interactions.	In support of my claim, I provided reasons based on evidence, including: An explanation of the interactions. An analysis of <i>one</i> similarity or difference between stakeholders' interactions.	In support of my claim, I provided reasons based on evidence, including: An explanation of the interactions.	The reasons that I provided in support of the claim are incomplete or inaccurate.
Evidence/Reasoning	I provided: An analysis of the costs and benefits of the interactions. AND At least <i>two</i> plausible alternatives to the stakeholders' interactions.	I provided: An analysis of the costs and benefits of the interactions. AND <i>One</i> plausible alternative to the stakeholders' interactions.	I provided an analysis of the costs <i>and</i> benefits of the interactions.	I provided an analysis of the costs <i>or</i> benefits of the interactions.
Sources	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to four or more credible sources that provide relevant information.	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to three credible sources that provide relevant information.	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to two credible sources that provide relevant information.	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to one credible source that provides relevant information.
Citations	I properly cited sources in the paper, presentation, and bibliography, using a specific format.	I adequately cited sources in the paper, presentation, and bibliography.	I minimally cited sources in the paper, presentation, and bibliography.	I incorrectly cited sources in the paper, presentation, and bibliography.

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