

Humans and the Environment

Studying how the environment affects our lives and how we affect the environment will help you understand the cause and effect of our cultures in the world. You will develop explanations about how people affect the environment and how the environment affects people. You will use evidence from a specific culture to support your explanation.

Your Task

In a written essay or presentation, you will:

- Introduce how people affect the environment and the environment affects people.
- Explain how people affect the environment and the environment affects people.
- Support your explanation by providing evidence from a specific culture:
 - Explain two or more ways that people affect their environment as they meet their needs.
 - Present and explain two or more examples of how the environment influences the development of a culture's lifestyle, traditions, and beliefs.
 - Use a map to explain the interaction between people and their environment. (Map may be provided by the teacher.)
- Cite specific textual evidence from at least two different sources that provide relevant information. (Sources may be provided by the teacher.)
- List two or more sources, including the title, author, and date of each source.

Humans and the Environment Rubric

Score	4	3	2	1
Explanation	I can accurately explain how people affect the environment and the environment affects people, and I include a proposal for action.	I can accurately explain how people affect the environment and the environment affects people.	I can accurately explain either how people affect the environment, or how the environment affects people.	I did not address how people affect the environment and the environment affects people.
Evidence & Reasoning	<p>I provided reason(s), supported by evidence, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three or more ways that people affect their environment as they meet their needs. Three or more examples of how the environment influences the development of a culture’s lifestyle, traditions, and beliefs. Use of a map and other illustration to explain the interaction between people and their environment. 	<p>I provided reason(s), supported by evidence, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ways that people affect their environment as they meet their needs. Two examples of how the environment influences the development of a culture’s lifestyle, traditions, and beliefs. Use of a map and other illustration to explain the interaction between people and their environment. 	<p>I provided reason(s), supported by evidence, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One way that people affect their environment as they meet their needs. One example of how the environment influences the development of a culture’s lifestyle, traditions, and beliefs. Use of a map and other illustration to explain the interaction between people and their environment. 	I provided reason(s) without any supporting evidence.
Sources	I can list three or more sources, including the title, author, publisher, city, date, and URL (if digital) of each source.	I can list two sources, including the title and author of each source.	I can list one source, including the title and author.	I can list the sources, but I did not include the title <i>and</i> author of each source.
ELA Citations	I can cite three or more sources within the paper or presentation; the sources are listed on the works-cited page.	I can cite two sources within the paper or presentation; the sources are listed on the works-cited page.	I can cite one source within the paper or presentation; the source is listed on the works-cited page.	I vaguely referred to sources within the paper or presentation.

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