Science Objectives: 5.L.2: 5.L.2.1, 5.L.2.2, 5.L.2.3



You will be using the DiscoveryEd.com website and newiseowl as your main researching resources so that you will be able to create a PowerPoint project for the Ecosystems science unit that we will be studying this quarter. Remember to use the key vocabulary terms for this science unit as much as possible when you take your research notes. Your PowerPoint will include images, diagrams that you'll need to label, and written summaries of many of the different ecosystem topics that we are studying. Please use this rubric as a guide when you are creating your research project. You may use your science notes about ecosystems, the DiscoveryEd.com website resources, newiseowl.org, and any other teacher-approved materials from other websites on the Internet (BrainPop and Study Jams) to complete this reasearch-based project. Remember that you will be integrating information during your research and the information should be paraphrased in your own words!

Students must add more information than what is listed in each section of this rubric in order to earn a	Level 4. **
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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Ecosystem Topics:				
 1.) Terrestrial Ecosystems- *Explain the characteristics and types of terrestrial ecosystems (subsets of grasslands and forests). *Create a table that provides specific examples of plants and animals that live in each terrestrial ecosystem. Also, include specific locations of each ecosystem in your table. (Ex. Prairie grasslands are located in North Dakota) Due May 2, 2015 	The student did not complete the requirements listed on the rubric or he/she completed a minimal amount of work for this portion of the rubric.	The student completed 1-2 of the required elements listed for this portion of the rubric and the information that he/she provided was somewhat incomplete.	The student completed 3-4 of the completed requirements for this portion of the rubric and wrote a complete description for each topic listed. The student has a clear understanding of this ecosystem topic and can articulate the ideas associated with this concept clearly.	The student completed all of the listed requirements for this portion of the rubric <u>AND</u> he/she added an additional piece of research, and an additional image, or an additional chart, graph, or table of information.
 5.L.2.1 2.) <u>Aquatic Ecosystems</u>- *Explain the characteristics and types of aquatic ecosystems. (subsets of freshwater and saltwater) *Create a table that provides specific examples of plants and animals that live in each terrestrial ecosystem. Also, include specific locations of each ecosystem in your table. Due May 9, 2015 5.L.2.1 	The student did not complete the requirements listed on the rubric or he/she completed a minimal amount of work for this portion of the rubric.	The student completed 1-2 of the required elements listed for this portion of the rubric and the information that he/she provided was somewhat incomplete.	The student completed 3-4 of the completed requirements for this portion of the rubric and wrote a complete description for each topic listed. The student has a clear understanding of this ecosystem topic and can articulate the ideas associated with this concept clearly.	The student completed all of the listed requirements for this portion of the rubric <u>AND</u> he/she added an additional piece of research, and an additional image, or an additional chart, graph, or table of information.
3.) Food Chains, Food Webs,& Energy Pyramids- * Include pictures of a food chain, a food web, and an energy pyramid. Explain how to read each one in a text box beside the picture. Which do you find most	The student did not complete the requirements listed on the rubric or he/she completed a minimal amount of work for this portion of the rubric.	The student completed 1-2 of the required elements listed for this portion of the rubric and the information that he/she provided was somewhat incomplete.	The student completed 3-4 of the completed requirements for this portion of the rubric and wrote a complete description for each topic listed. The student has a clear understanding of this ecosystem topic and can	The student completed all of the listed requirements for this portion of the rubric <u>AND</u> he/she added an additional piece of research, and an additional image, or an additional chart, graph, or table of information.

ELA Objectives: SL.5.2, SL.5.3, SL.5.4, SL.5.5, SL.5.6, W.5.6, W.5.7, W.5.8, W.5.10

Science Objectives. S.L.Z. S.L			5.5, 3L.5.4, 3L.5.5, 3L.5.0, W.5.	0, 11.5.7, 11.5.0, 11.5.10
useful?			articulate the ideas associated	
* Include a video clip that			with this concept clearly.	
explains how food chains work				
within an ecosystem.				
*Create a separate slide that				
explains the process of				
photosynthesis and include a				
diagram with labels.				
Due May 16, 2015				
5.L.2.1				
4.) Producers, Consumers,	The student did not complete the	The student completed 1-2 of the	The student completed 3-4 of the	The student completed all of the
Decomposers-	requirements listed on the rubric	required elements listed for this	completed requirements for this	listed requirements for this
*Compare the similarities and	or he/she completed a minimal	portion of the rubric and the	portion of the rubric and wrote a	portion of the rubric <u>AND</u> he/she
differences between each type of	amount of work for this portion	information that he/she provided	complete description for each	added an additional piece of
organism in an ecosystem.	of the rubric.	was somewhat incomplete.	topic listed. The student has a	research, and an additional
	of the rubric.	was somewhat incomplete.		
(producer, consumer,			clear understanding of this	image, or an additional chart,
decomposer)			ecosystem topic and can	graph, or table of information.
*Describe how each of these			articulate the ideas associated	
organisms gets energy and how			with this concept clearly.	
they are each useful to each other.				
* Include a picture of each type of				
organism and label it.				
Due May 23, 2015				
5.L.2.2				
5.) Interconnected	The student did not complete the	The student completed 1-2 of the	The student completed 3-4 of the	The student completed all of the
<u>Relationships</u> -	requirements listed on the rubric	required elements listed for this	completed requirements for this	listed requirements for this
*Provide at least three examples	or he/she completed a minimal	portion of the rubric and the	portion of the rubric and wrote a	portion of the rubric <u>AND</u> he/she
of factors that impact multiple	amount of work for this portion	information that he/she provided	complete description for each	added an additional piece of
populations within an ecosystem	of the rubric.	was somewhat incomplete.	topic listed. The student has a	research, and an additional
using a cause/effect diagram.			clear understanding of this	image, or an additional chart,
*List 10 ways that humans can			ecosystem topic and can	graph, or table of information.
reduce their impact on the			articulate the ideas associated	
environment.			with this concept clearly.	
Due May 30, 2015				
5.L.2.3				
5.) Works Cited-	The student did not include a	The student listed resources, but	The student used the MLA format	The student used the MLA format
Use the MLA format that we	Works Cited slide.	not in MLA format on the Works	on the Works Cited slide.	on the Works Cited slide and it is
learned during Writing class to		Cited slide.		evident that he/she used a variety
give credit to any sources you				of accurate and relevant sources.
used during research.				
Due May 30, 2015				
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Additional Comments: