

Article Rubric

	Superior 5 points	Average 3 points	Poor 1 point
Chosen resource	The body of water selected is a local pond, stream, lake, or river. The student is able to clearly show where the resource is located and effectively describe it.	The body of water selected is a local pond, stream, lake, or river. The student is mostly able to show where the resource is located and describe it, but more detail would be helpful.	It is not clear where the resource is located. Very little detail about the resource is provided.
Article	The article is effectively set up like a newspaper article. It has a clear beginning, middle, and end, and is interesting and engaging. Its subject is clearly a local freshwater resource. It has been proofread so there are no typos or spelling errors.	The article relates to a local freshwater resource, but it may not be effectively set up like a newspaper article. It may not have been properly proofread, as there are a few visible mistakes.	The article is unclear. It lacks detail and includes spelling and grammar errors.