

Creation Myth Rubric

Format	Follows MLA format – Times New Roman, double spaced, size 12	Paper is neat but does not follow MLA format.	Paper is slightly disorganized.	Paper is very sloppy/disorganized.
Professionalism	Writer handed in all work on time. Writer used all class time effectively.	Writer may have missed one deadline. Writer somewhat used class time effectively.	Writer missed several deadlines. Writer did not use class time effectively.	Paper more than one week late. Writer did not use class time effectively.
Idea development/Content	Offers a full explanation of how the chosen natural phenomena came to be. Includes several elements of a Native American Creation Myth. Meets length requirement.	Offers an explanation of how the chosen phenomena came to be. May include one element of a Native American Creation Myth. May be just shy of length requirement.	Offers an incomplete/confusing explanation of how the chosen phenomena came to be. Does not include elements of a Native American Creation Myth. Does not meet length requirement	Does not offer an explanation of how chosen phenomena came to be. Does not include elements of a Native American Creation Myth. Does not meet length requirement
Organization	Writer offers a clear, catchy beginning, uses paragraphs to move from one idea to the next, and creates a clear, catchy closing.	Writer offers a beginning, uses paragraphs to move from one idea to the next, and offers a closing.	Writer struggles to create a opening, ineffectively uses paragraphs to move from one idea to the next, and struggles to create a closing.	Writer offers an incomplete/confusing beginning, does not use paragraphs to move from one idea to the next, and includes an incomplete/confusing closing.
Creativity	Myth provides vivid, detailed imagery ¹ and includes description that appeals to the senses Captures and maintains reader's interest	Myth provides some imagery and description. Writer sometimes captures reader's interest.	Myth provides little imagery and description. Writer struggles to capture reader's interest.	Myth provides no imagery or description. Does not capture reader's interest.
Mechanics	No errors in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, or sentence structure that interfere with meaning.	Few errors (2-3) in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, or sentence structure that interfere with meaning.	Several errors (4-5) in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, or sentence structure that interfere with meaning.	Many errors (6+) in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, or sentence structure that interfere with meaning.
Illustration	Illustration is reflective of the story and shows great effort and pride.	Illustration is reflective of the story and shows some effort.	Illustration is reflective of the story but shows little pride or effort.	No illustration provided.
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Total: ____/28