

Criteria	Criteria not met at all (1)	Criteria partially met (2)	Criteria fully met (3)
Title	Too vague to understand main topic or engage audience with value or importance	Informs about main topic OR engages audience by establishing value or importance	Informs about main topic AND Engages audience by establishing value or importance
Defined issue <i>CC 11-12.SL.1c</i>	Too vague to clearly defines the issue to be addressed AND doesn't include at least 1 reference as evidence that issue exists	Clearly defines the issue to be addressed OR Includes at least 1 reference as evidence that issue exists	Clearly defines the issue to be addressed AND Includes at least 1 reference as evidence that issue exists
Evidence of issue importance/value <i>NGSS HS-ESS2-7</i> <i>CC 11-12. RST.1</i> <i>CC 11-12. RST.8</i>	Too vague to establish value or importance of the issue	Elaborates on the value or importance of the issue but doesn't use supporting facts or in enough detail.	Clearly elaborates on the value or importance of the issue using supporting facts or references.
Established cause of issue	The cause is not clearly addressed and no reference material is offered	The cause is hypothesized with no reference support OR the proven cause is described with no reference support	The cause of the issue is hypothesized with reference material to support the prediction OR The proven cause of the issue is described with reference material to support description
Solution <i>NGSS HS-ETS1-3</i> <i>NGSS HS-ESS3-4</i> <i>CC 11-12.SL.1c</i>	Solutions are not described in enough detail. No elaboration	Describes one or more solutions and how they will address your chosen issue OR Elaborates by describing improvements to solutions that are already in place OR proposes new solutions with discussion of advantages and disadvantages.	Describes one or more solutions and how they will address your chosen issue AND elaborates by describes improvements to solutions that are already in place or proposing new solutions with discussion of advantages and disadvantages.
Communication tool <i>CC 11-12.SL.1c</i>	Communication tool is described AND proposed effectiveness of communication tool is not addressed	Communication tool is described OR Proposed effectiveness of communication tool is addressed	Communication tool is described AND Proposed effectiveness of communication tool is addressed
Word count	under 250	over 500	500 -250
Grammar and spelling	More than 2 errors in spelling; more than 1major sentence structure errors	No more than 2 errors in spelling; no more than 1major sentence structure errors	No errors in spelling; no major sentence structure errors
Organization <i>CC 11-12.SL.4</i> <i>CC 11-12.RST.9</i>	Proposal is disjunct in more than one area with subtopics not connecting in a logical way to establish relationship	Proposal is disjunct in an area with one subtopic not connecting to another in a logical way to establish relationship	Proposal flows with one subtopic leading to another in a logical way to establish relationship
References <i>CC 6-12.W.8</i>	Includes no references to expert information	Includes less than 3 clear references to expert information	Includes 3 clear references to expert information