

	Missing or inadequate (0-5 points)	Meets expectations (6-7 points)	Proficient (8-9 points)	Exceptional (10 points)	Points Awarded
Introduction	Missing or inadequate	Very short or vague introduction, does not provide a framework for the discussion.	Solidly written introduction that provides a framework for the reader to understand the analysis.	Well written introduction that captures the reader's interest and lays out a solid foundation for the discussion demonstrating exceptional analysis and understanding of the topic.	
Country Background (Type of government, economic info. key items of interest)	Missing or inadequate	Basic information provided, some items missing, intermittent or unbalanced discussion of the key items about the country we need to know.	Solid background information. A solid discussion providing information needed to understand the country and challenges and successes.	Thorough background, balanced and detailed discussion of the situation providing a solid understanding the country to be studied.	
Population - Population and distribution, cultural related information.	Missing or inadequate	Basic information provided, but some items missing. Key data on population or distribution missing leading to difficulty understanding the situation in the country.	Most information provided to provide a solid understanding of the country being studied. Not only major population data, but sub categories important to understanding the country.	Robust and thorough discussion of population and related sub-groups, population distributions, and other key data that provides the information necessary for a complex understanding.	
Resources (Land mass, arable land, water, infrastructure, imports, exports, etc)	Missing or inadequate	Basic information provided, some items missing, intermittent or unbalanced discussion of the key items about the resources we need to know.	Solid background information providing information needed to understand the resources available and challenges and successes found in the country.	Robust and thorough discussion of resources and related information, and other key data that provides the information necessary for a complex understanding of the country's potential.	
Nutrition – levels of nutrition, age, age distribution. Hunger, malnutrition rates, obesity, etc.	Missing or inadequate	Basic information provided, but some items missing. Key data on nutrition and food security is missing leading to difficulty understanding the situation	Most information provided to provide a solid understanding of the nutritional and food security situation in the country being studied. Nutrition levels, distribution and food availability discussed.	Robust and thorough discussion of nutrition, food security, and other key data that provides the information necessary for a complex understanding.	

Food production, Types of crops, amount, exports, imports etc.	Missing or inadequate (0-5 points)	Basic information provided, but some items missing. Key data on food production is missing leading to difficulty understanding the situation	Most information provided to provide a solid understanding of the food production situation in the country being studied.	Robust and thorough discussion of crops, crop production and key data that provides the information necessary for a complex understanding.	
Policies – policies pursued, types of supports, and regulations that impact food and food distribution.	Missing or inadequate (0-5 points)	Basic discussion of the general policies followed by the country, but little to no discussion of the role of policy in food production.	Informative discussion of the policies and role policies play in food production, nutrition and food availability	Thorough discussion of policy and its impact on food production, distribution and effects on nutrition and food availability, related health issues.	
Spelling, Mechanics & Grammar	Poor (0-5 points)	Some spelling errors, and grammatical problems.	Few spelling errors, grammatical problems.	No errors.	
Organization Presentation and Technique	Missing or inadequate (0-5 points)	Some questionable organization, fonts, colors etc. sometimes detract from the presentation.	Well organized. Use of appropriate fonts, colors and presentation techniques.	Great organization and use of techniques to enhance the presentation.	
Valid and reliable references	Missing or inadequate (0-5 points)	A few reliable resources or several questionable resources.	Several good quality resources, valid and reliable. Some peer reviewed, academic sources.	Numerous high quality resources, reliable, academic, and peer reviewed sources used.	