

Organism "Plaque" 30 point rubric

Name: _____

	5	4	3	1/0
Physical Description	1) average size 2) usual colors or coloration 3) location of fins or other unique features 4) description of eyes, gills, etc. (special features that your organism has) 5) a description of how it moves	4 of 5 requirements met	3 requirements met	Less than 3 requirements met
Habitat description and marine group:	1) ocean life zone (benthic—sublittoral, bathyal, abyssal or hadal; pelagic—neritic) 2) name at least 2 other organisms that also live in the same zone 3) group of marine life (plankton, nekton, or benthos).	3 of 4 requirements met	2 requirements met	Less than 2 requirements met
Food and Threats	1) Accurate and thorough description of what your organism eats 2) Description of how organisms eats 3) what predators or conditions threaten your organism	Information is unclear in one area	Missing one area of "Food and Threats"	Missing several requirements for "Food and Threats"
Adaptations: (minimum of 4)	List and describe four features that your organism uses to hide from or escape from prey, communicate, attract mates, eat, move in a unique way, etc. (may be included under physical description)	3 of 4 requirements met	2 requirements met	Less than 2 requirements met
Printed Color Picture of Organism and Layout	Includes color picture of organism that clearly shows what organism looks like (may be on the same or a different sheet) Layout of plaque shows good use of space (white space, letters and pictures are arranged in an attractive layout) Letters are easy to read from 3 feet away	Reduced points for: unclear picture, non-color picture	confusing layout of information	too much white space on plaque
Writing (Spelling/writing and text)	-All words are spelled correctly -Uses correct grammar and punctuation -Varied/interesting word choice -Printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper -All information uses student-level vocabulary (you should <i>understand</i> the words you use; don't just cut and paste)	3 of 4 requirements met	2 requirements met	Less than 2 requirements met
Total	/30			

Please keep track of your sources including names of books and websites. You will receive a separate score for ~~500~~ sources

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 complete list of sources used Few/no sources noted

Name of organism researched _____

*** ABSOLUTELY NO** information is permitted to be cut and pasted. This must be the student's words and writing.