

Region Family Vacation

Region: _____

Student: _____

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Position Statement	The position statement provides a clear, strong statement of the region.	The position statement provides a clear statement of the region.	A position statement is present, but does not make the region clear.	There is no position statement.
Support for Position	Includes 3 or more pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that support the position statement. The writer anticipates the	Includes 3 or more pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that support the position statement.	Includes 2 pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that support the position statement.	Includes 1 or fewer pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences).
Transitions	A variety of thoughtful transitions are used. They clearly show how ideas are	Transitions show how ideas are connected, but there is little variety.	Some transitions work well, but some connections between ideas are fuzzy.	The transitions between ideas are unclear OR nonexistent.
Closing paragraph	The conclusion is strong and leaves the reader solidly understanding the writer's position. Restatement of the	The conclusion is recognizable. The author's position is restated within the first two sentences of	The author's position is restated within the closing paragraph, but not near the beginning.	There is no conclusion - the paper just ends.
Sentence Structure	All sentences are well-constructed with varied structure.	Most sentences are well-constructed and there is some varied sentence structure in	Most sentences are well-constructed, but there is no variation in structure.	Most sentences are not well-constructed or varied.
Capitalization & Punctuation	Author makes no errors in capitalization or punctuation, so the essay is exceptionally	Author makes 1-2 errors in capitalization or punctuation, but the essay is still easy to	Author makes a few errors in capitalization and/or punctuation that catch the	Author makes several errors in capitalization and/or punctuation that catch the
Grammar & Spelling	Author makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the	Author makes 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the	Author makes 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the	Author makes more than 4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from

Score

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