

**GEOG 3100: US & Canada
Report Evaluation Rubric**

Name(s): _____

<i>Part A: Report Components</i>	Excellent	Satisfactory	Weak	Poor
1. Introduction	Well-written and interesting, sets up the body of the text well, and makes the reader eager to continue reading	Generally well-written, setting up the body of the text, but does not completely hold the reader's interest	Adequately written, sets up the body of the text sufficiently, but does not hold the reader's interest	Is poorly written, poorly introduces the body of the text, and does not entice the reader to continue
2. Research Question	Question is clear and well-written	Question is clear	Question is somewhat clear	Question is not clear
3. Relevance to class	Report theme is clearly relevant to a geographic perspective on the US & Canada	Report theme is mostly relevant to a geographic perspective on the US and Canada	Report theme is somewhat disconnected from the class focus	Report theme is not relevant to the class focus
4. Information Source Discussion	Information sources are discussed clearly and completely, including exploration of potential source-related issues	Information sources are adequately discussed, with some exploration of potential source-related issues	Information sources are minimally discussed, with minor attention paid to source-related issues	Information sources are not discussed
5. Results	Results are presented and explained clearly, and are well-linked to both the research question and the course. Relevant limitations to analysis are discussed.	Results are adequately presented and explained, and are mostly well-linked to the question and the course. Limitations covered.	Results are presented and explained minimally, and are partially linked to both the research question and the course. Limitations mentioned.	Results are not presented nor explained, and are not linked to the research question or the courses. Limitations not mentioned.
6. Discussion and Conclusion	Evaluates and summarizes the research and its significance extremely well. Provides clear recommendations.	Generally evaluates and summarizes the research and its significance well. Provides adequate recommendations.	Weak evaluation and summary of the research and its significance, with minimal recommendations	Does not evaluate or summarize the research and its significance, and provides no clear recommendations
<i>Part B: Overall Report Quality</i>	Excellent	Satisfactory	Weak	Poor
1. External Source Citations	All non-original ideas are well-referenced in-text and in a well-formatted reference list	Most non-original ideas are well referenced in-text and in a reference list	Many statements are unsubstantiated and/or there are important reference list issues	References are not cited to support statements and/or the reference list is done poorly
2. Writing	All paragraphs are well-constructed, and there are no grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors.	Most paragraphs are well constructed, and there are few grammatical errors.	Paragraphs are typically not constructed well. Many grammatical or spelling errors.	Sentences within paragraphs do not relate to each other. Far too many grammatical or spelling errors.
3. Graphics	All figures and tables are well-designed and executed, and make useful contributions to the paper	Most figures and tables are well designed and executed, and add something useful	Some figures and tables are not well designed or executed, and make minor contributions	Many figures and tables are not well-designed or executed and do not contribute to the paper
4. Coordination	The report reads extremely well as a single, coherent document with good logical flow	The report reads mostly well as a single document, with a few inconsistencies	Some sections appear out of place or uncoordinated with each other	The report lacks a single, coherent theme and organization

Comments (e.g., what worked well, what could be improved):

Overall Score:

Number of "Excellent" Ratings = _____ x 10 = _____

Number of "Satisfactory" Ratings = _____ x 8 = _____

Number of "Weak" Ratings = _____ x 6 = _____

Number of "Poor" Ratings = _____ x 4 = _____

Grand Total = _____ /100