

Balkan Basics Ideas and Content Rubric (page 1)

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<p>3</p> <p>The reader can understand the main ideas, although they may be overly broad or simplistic, and the results may not be effective. Supporting detail is often limited, insubstantial, overly general, or occasionally off-topic. The writing is characterized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ An easily identifiable purpose and main idea(s)</li> <li>❖ Predictable or overly obvious main ideas; conclusions or main points seem to echo observations heard elsewhere</li> <li>❖ Support that is attempted; but developmental details that are limited in scope or somewhat off-topic</li> <li>❖ Details that may not be well-grounded in credible resources; they may be based on clichés, stereotypes or questionable sources of information</li> <li>❖ Difficulties when moving from general observations to specifics</li> <li>❖ Compare and contrast elements need some work</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <p>Main ideas and purpose are somewhat unclear or development is attempted but minimal. The writing is characterized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ A purpose and main idea(s) that may require extensive inferences by the reader</li> <li>❖ Minimal development; insufficient details</li> <li>❖ Irrelevant details that clutter the text</li> <li>❖ Extensive repetition</li> <li>❖ Compare and contrast elements are not developed</li> </ul>	<p>1</p> <p>The writing lacks a central idea or purpose. The writing is characterized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Ideas that are extremely limited or simply unclear</li> <li>❖ Attempts at development that are minimal or nonexistent; the paper is too short to demonstrate the development of an idea</li> <li>❖ Compare and contrast elements are missing</li> </ul>
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