

Species on the Edge Art and Essay Grading Rubric

Criteria	Exceptional command	Good command	Adequate command	Needs revision	Incomplete or not addressed
Part 1: Essay					
Following Directions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> About one of New Jersey's threatened or endangered species Fewer than 500 words long No more than one (1) page long Free from spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors Proper heading at top of page: student's name, grade, age, school, school address, teacher's name, and teacher's telephone number 					
Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes information about selected animal's habitat, diet, reproduction, and natural history in New Jersey All information is accurate Sources are given proper credit (not plagiarized!) 					
Creativity and Persuasiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persuades the reader of the essay to care about the species' future Uses original, creative language to keep the reader's attention 					
Part 2: Poster Artwork					
Following Directions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depicts one of New Jersey's threatened or endangered species AND its habitat Poster size is either 12 inches by 18 inches OR 11 inches by 17 inches No border or matte around the artwork; no laminating or framing is allowed Paint, colored pencil, markers, collage, pen & ink, crayon, or other mediums may be used. DO NOT USE photography, chalk, pastels, oil pastels, or computer generated artwork No lettering on the poster 					
Artwork <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal and its habitat are depicted accurately Neat and to scale with the correct colors Original and creative 					

- ★ Exceptional command→ A range
- ★ Good command→ B range
- ★ Adequate command→ C range
- ★ Needs substantial revision→ D range
- ★ Incomplete / not addressed→ Not passing