NAME:	**Stella Student**	SUBMITTED LATE pts taken off:

Grading rubric for the LINKING-TO-LIFE REPORT (20 pts)

*(NOTE: the numbers in RED are the pts you earned out of all pts possible in each rubric category. The **TOTAL** is at the bottom.)*

	EXCELLENT		SATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	
REPORT CONTENT	*10- 15 pts based on the following:*		*5 - 9 pts based on the following:*	*0-4 pts based on the following:*	
• Introduction section stating project category stated & why it interests you • QUESTION you posed • Explanation of how question+/or category relate to GLOBAL CHANGE topics (name and #)	Addresses the bulleted items clearly, thoroughly, accurately, & articulately. (3-5 pts)	**5**	Addresses the bulleted items clearly, adequately, and accurately (2-3 pts) _But connection to GLOBAL CHANGE is weak or incorrectly stated._	Addresses the bulleted items, but not clearly, thoroughly or accurately on every point. (0 - 1.5 pts)	
• Data / Info & Methods section stating what info you collected, where you got it, and how you analyzed it. • Findings & Discussion section stating what you learned & how your findings relate to the QUESTION you posed.	Demonstrates a high level of independent critical thinking about the assignment making connections in a creative way; digs deeply into the background information and finds additional supporting material; effectively ties together the QUESTION posed and the course content. (3 - 5 pts)	**5**	Demonstrates some independent thinking and synthesis; does not just "parrot" phrases from the sources, but shows evidence of thinking and making connections between the question posed and the course content. (2-3 pts)	Demonstrates some follow-up thinking about the assignment but mostly repeats the bare bones of information found in the sources provided; doesn't go beyond this by digging out new info or thinking on one's own. (0 - 1.5 pts)	
• Paragraph stating your 'bottom line' CONCLUSION & what you decided about your QUESTION • reasoned explanation of how the info you collected in your investigation supports your conclusion	Makes final conclusion / bottom line statement and/or recommendation based on clear evidence from the investigation that is conveyed in the report; supports this with an effective and thoughtful discussion that refers to the investigation to draw sound conclusions. (3-5 pt)	**5**	Makes final conclusion / bottom line statement and/or recommendation based on sufficient evidence displayed in the report; supports this with a discussion that refers to the investigation to draw appropriate conclusions. (2-3 pts)	Presents a question and/or conclusion, but does not provide a very strong or effective discussion of how the conclusion was drawn. (0-1 pt)	
REPORT FORMAT & MECHANICS	*2.5 - 3 pts based on whether:*		*1.5 - 2 pts based on whether:*	*0 - 1 pts based on whether:*	
	Paper has effective sentence and paragraph structure. Content is well-organized and argument flows well from the organization and format of text. Writing is concise; effective and conclusive. Write-up contains only minimal spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors. (This includes typos)	**3**	Most sentences are concise and show good word choice and arrangement. Paragraphs are well-organized. Content is sufficiently organized and argument is easily understandable from the organization and format of text. Adequate conclusion/ recommendation is provided. Writte-up contains a few spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors, and none that detract from the text's effectiveness & meaning.	Writing is excessively wordy with many poorly structured sentences and poorly organized paragraphs. Content is poorly organized and argument doesn't hold together in the text's format and organization . Conclusion/recommendation is absent or ineffective. Write-up contains many spelling, punctuation or grammar errors that detract significantly from the text's effectiveness & meaning	
REFERENCES	2 pts if sources are well-cited in proper format	**2**	1 pt if sources are cited, but not completely, or not in proper format	0.0 pt if sources are not cited at all ; 0.5 if only minimally and not sufficiently	
ORIGINALITY			*Minus:*		*Minus:*
TurnItIn Originality Report indicates text is written in your own words	Less than 10 % non-original words (- 0 pts)		TurnItIn indicates 10-30% non-original words or paraphrased (-1-3 pts)	TurnItIn indicates more than 30% non-original words or heavily paraphrased (-4 to -6 pts)	
			TOTAL REPORT GRADE *(out of 20 possible pts)*	**20.0**	*NOTE: the points for your Discussion Posts, your Slide, and any Bonus opportunities that you completed are assigned separately in D2L*
OVERALL COMMENTS	Excellent job on this Stella, you really nailed this assignment -- very interesting! - Dr H				