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Disease Essay Rubric

Criteria	5	3	1
What is a disease? What is the difference between communicable and non-communicable?	Defines disease and gives two detailed explanations of differences between the two types of disease.	Defines disease and gives at least one explanation of the differences between the two types of disease.	Defines disease, but gives no differences between the two types of disease.
What is a communicable disease and what pathogen category does it belong?	States the disease and describes what it is. Accurately identifies what pathogen category it belongs in.	States the disease and describes what it is. Does not accurately identify the pathogen category.	States the disease.
What symptoms are associated with the disease?	Explains, in detail, 3 or more symptoms.	Lists 2 symptoms.	Lists 1 symptom.
How can the disease be treated? Is it curable? What is the difference between an antibiotic and vaccine?	Explains multiple treatment options and how/if the disease can be cured. Describes the difference between an antibiotic and vaccine.	Explains 2 treatments and a cure. Describes the difference between an antibiotic and vaccine.	Gives 1 example of a treatment and/or cure and describes the difference between an antibiotic and vaccine.
Examine and Explain why stereotypes exist around people with this communicable disease.	Explains the stereotype and accurately describes why it exists, and why it is positive or negative towards that person.	Provides a stereotype for the researched disease and accurately describes why it exists.	Provides a stereotype for the researched disease.
How do people come into contact with the disease? How could you avoid coming into contact with this disease?	Clearly describes source of contact and provides 3 or more ways to avoid contact.	Clearly describes source of contact and provides 2 ways to avoid contact.	States how to come into contact and 1 way to avoid contact.
Describe health care options for an individual with this disease.	Provides 3 or more health care options/providers and describes the difference between an antibiotic and vaccine.	Provides 2 health care options/providers and describes the difference between an antibiotic and vaccine.	Provides 1 option/provider and describes the difference between an antibiotic and vaccine.
How does the disease affect the life of the person who has it?	Describes 3 or more examples of the effects of the disease.	Provides at least 2 examples of the effects of the disease.	Gives 1 example of an effect of the disease.

Compare this disease in the United States to other countries in the world.	Compares 3 concepts/facts to show similarities and differences between the countries with this disease.	Compares 2 concepts/facts to show similarities and differences between the countries with this disease.	Compares at least 1 concept/fact to show similarities and differences between the countries with this disease.
What is an example of a non-communicable disease and what are its symptoms?	Describes the disease in detail and explains at least 3 symptoms.	Describes the disease in brief detail and states 2 symptoms.	Describes the disease in brief detail and gives 1 symptom.
What is the cause of this disease? Identify if the disease is congenital, environmental, or lifestyle and defend.	Describes accurately how the disease is caused, and defends it well.	Gives cause of disease and but does not defend cause well.	Cause of disease was incorrect.
Can the disease be prevented? How? Can it be treated or cured? How?	Explains multiple treatment options and how the disease is cured.	Explains treatment options and provides a cure.	Gives 1 example of treatment and/or cure.
Examine and Explain why stereotypes exist around people with this non-communicable disease (e.g. arthritis = old people)	Explains the stereotype and accurately describes why it exists, and why it is positive or negative towards that person.	Provides a stereotype for the researched disease and accurately describes why it exists.	Provides a stereotype for the researched disease.
Recommend health care providers/professionals in our community and surrounding areas who can assist with this health-related issue.	Provides 3 or more health care options and how they can be contacted.	Provides at least 2 health care options and how they can be contacted.	Gives 1 health care option.
How does this disease affect the life of the person who has it?	Describes 3 or more examples of the effects of the disease.	Provides at least 2 examples of the effects of the disease.	Gives one example of an effect of the disease.

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