

High Quality Assessment Content Validity Review Tool

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Content Area: Social Studies
Name of Assessment: Ethnic Conflict in the Balkans (Michigan)
Reviewer: Content Collaborative
Date of Review: 4/19/12

Assessment Profile														
<p>Grade Level(s) suggested by this assessment: High School</p> <p>Indicate the Colorado Academic Standards (CAS) and Grade Level Expectations evaluated by the Assessment: SS09-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.1-EO.a; SS09-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.2-EO.c GLE 2.c; SS09-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.3-EO.d; SS09-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.3-EO.e</p> <p>What is the DOK of the assessment? DOK level 2-3</p> <p>Indicate the DOK range of the CAS Grade Level Expectations: DOK level 2-3</p> <p>Describe the content knowledge/concepts assessed: Government policy development, the common good, justice</p> <p>List the skills/performance assessed: Prepare a report, cooperative learning, research, discussion, group participation, collaboration, synthesizing information, problem-solving skills.</p> <p>Item Types - check all that apply (note: there is often overlap among certain item types):</p> <p>Selected Response (multiple choice, true-false, matching, etc.)</p> <p>Short Answer (short constructed response, fill in a graphic organizer or diagram, explain your thinking or solution, make and complete a table, etc.)</p> <p>Extended Response (essay, multi-step response with explanation and rationale required for tasks)</p> <p>Product (research paper, editorial, log, journal, play, poem, model, multimedia, art products, script, musical score, portfolio pieces, etc.)</p> <p>Performance (demonstration, presentation, science lab, dance or music performance, athletic performance, debate, etc.)</p> <p>The assessment includes:</p> <p>Teacher directions (may include prerequisites/description of instruction before giving the assessment e.g., this assessment should be given after students have learned ...)</p> <p>Scoring Guide/Rubric</p> <p>Sample evidence to show what student performance might look like:</p> <p>Materials (if needed to complete the assessment)</p> <p>Estimated time for administration</p> <p>Student Directions & Assessment Task/Prompt – what does the student see/use?</p> <p>Other: Glossary of terms, teacher observation forms</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">Check All That Apply</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">x</td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">x</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">Check All That Apply</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">x</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">x</td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">x</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">x</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Check All That Apply			x		x	Check All That Apply	x	x			x	x
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A high quality assessment should be...Aligned		
Alignment with Standards	Rating Column	Strengths & Suggestions
<p>1a. To what extent do you see a strong content match between the set of items reviewed or the task and the corresponding Colorado Academic Standard/s? Select one option below.</p> <p>Full match – task or most items address or exceed the relevant skills and knowledge described in the corresponding state standard/s.</p> <p>Partial match – task or most items partially address the skills and knowledge described in the corresponding state standard/s.</p> <p>No match – task or most items are not related to the skills and knowledge described in the corresponding state standard/s.</p>		
<p>Please provide evidence from both the standards and assessment to support your response:</p>		
<p>Partial match with High School Civics: GLE 1.a GLE 2.c GLE 3.d 3.e</p>		<p>Full=3; Partial =2; No Match= 1</p>
<p>Alignment with Standards Score</p>		<p>2</p>
Depth of Knowledge as Measured by this Assessment	Rating Column	
<p>1b. Are the set of items or task reviewed as cognitively challenging as the grade level expectations? Select one option below.</p> <p>The DOK level of the assessment is higher than the grade level expectations.</p> <p>More rigorous – most items or the task reviewed are at a higher DOK level than the range indicated for the grade level expectations.</p> <p>Similar rigor – most items or the task reviewed are similar to the DOK range indicated for the grade level expectations.</p> <p>Less rigor – most items or the task reviewed are lower than the DOK range indicated for the grade level expectations.</p>		
<p>Please provide evidence from both the grade level expectations and assessment to support your response:</p>		
<p>Students research and prepare a report by developing a logical argument in order to persuade.</p>		<p>Similar Rigor=2; More Rigor=1; Less Rigor= 1</p>
<p>Depth of Knowledge (Rigor) Score</p>		<p>2</p>

A high quality assessment should be...Scored using Clear Guidelines and Criteria

Scoring Guidelines for this Assessment	Check all that apply:	Strengths/Suggestions
Scoring Guide Present: Answer key, scoring template, computerized/machine scored Generalized Rubric (e.g., for persuasive writing, for all science labs) Task-Specific Rubric (only used for the particular task) Checklist (e.g., with score points for each part) Teacher Observation Sheet/ Observation Checklist	<div style="text-align: center;">×</div> <hr/> <div style="text-align: center;">×</div> <hr/> <div style="text-align: center;">×</div> <hr/> Yes, several types=3, Yes, at least one type=2, None=1	
Scoring Guide Present Score	3	
2a. Give evidence that the rubric/scoring criteria aligns to Colorado Academic Standards in this assessment. Provide an explanation of your response: No apparent alignment to content standards, but there is alignment to the 21st century skills.	<div style="text-align: center;">Completely aligned=3, Somewhat aligned=2, Not aligned=1</div>	
Rubric Aligned with Standards Score	2	
2b. Are the score categories clearly defined and coherent across performance levels? Provide an explanation of your response: Yes, the categories are clear and consistent.	<div style="text-align: center;">Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1</div>	
Rubric/Scoring Coherent Score	3	
2c. To what degree does the rubric/scoring criteria address all of the demands within the task or item? Explain: The scoring guide is general, and specific to skills, not content.	<div style="text-align: center;">Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1</div>	
Rubric/Scoring Alignment	3	
2d. Based on your review of the rubric/scoring criteria, do you think the scoring rubric would most likely lead different raters to arrive at the same score for a given response? Why or why not? The scoring guide assesses process and procedures but not specifically content	<div style="text-align: center;">Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1</div>	
Inter-rater Reliability Score	2	
2e. Is there student work (e.g., anchor papers, video, portfolio) which illustrates student mastery? If so, describe. If not, what student work would be needed? Students are asked to produce a persuasive report. If the teacher chooses to assess small group discussion a video capture could document student work.	<div style="text-align: center;">Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1</div>	
Student Work Samples Score	2	

A high quality assessment should be...FAIR and UNBIASED

FAIR and UNBIASED <i>(the areas below should be discussed relative to the needs of ELLs, gifted and talented students, and students with disabilities)</i>	Rating Column	Strengths/Suggestions
3a. To what extent are most of the items or the tasks designed and formatted to be visually clear and uncluttered (e.g., use of white space, graphics, and illustrations)?		
Provide an explanation of your response:		
The teacher needs to read the directions and be familiar with the rubric in the front of the document. The assessment itself is uncluttered.	All=3, Some=2, None=1	
"Clear & Uncluttered" Score	2	
3b. To what extent are most of the items or the task presented in as straightforward a way as possible for a range of learners?		
Provide an explanation of your response:		
Clear instructions and tasks.	All=3, Some=2, None=1	
"Straight Forward" Score	3	
3c. To what degree is the vocabulary and context(s) presented by most of the items or task free from cultural or other unintended bias? Provide an explanation of your response:		
No obvious bias concerns.	All=3, Some=2, None=1	
Free of 'Cultural or Unintended Bias' Score	3	
3d. Does the assessment require students to possess a high level of academic language* comprehension to demonstrate understanding?		
Provide an explanation of your response: There would need to be some pre-teaching of vocabulary, but nothing that is inappropriate for the level and standards. Students would benefit from background knowledge in geography.	Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1	
"Academic Language" Score	3	
*Please reference "Defining Features of Academic Language in WIDA's		
3e. If applicable, what type of accommodations should be considered to ensure that students with special needs can fully access the content represented by the task or set of items reviewed?		
<i>Accommodations are commonly categorized in five ways: presentation, response, setting, and timing and scheduling:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation Accommodations —Allow students to access information in ways that do not require them to visually read standard print. These alternate modes of access are auditory, multi-sensory, tactile, and visual. ○ Response Accommodations —Allow students to complete activities, assignments, and assessments in different ways or to solve or organize problems using some type of assistive device or organizer. ○ Setting Accommodations —Change the location in which a test or assignment is given or the conditions of the assessment setting. ○ Timing and Scheduling Accommodations —Increase the allowable length of time to complete an assessment or assignment and perhaps change the way the time is organized. ○ Linguistic Accommodations — Allow English language learners (ELLs) to access academic construct measured by reducing the linguistic load of an assessment. The accommodation is based on an ELL's limited English language proficiency, which is different than an accommodation based on a student's disability or a cognitive need. 		
3f: Identify and write down the accommodations permitted for this assessment:		

There are instructions for creating your own scenarios, cooperative learning allows for varied complexity and small group scoring. Methods of grouping would allow some accommodations as well.

Yes, Several allowed=3;
Yes, Some allowed=2;
None allowed =1

"Adequate Accommodations Allowed" Score

3

A high quality assessment should ...increase OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN		
The areas below should also be discussed relative to the needs of ELLs, gifted and talented students, and students with disabilities	Check all that apply:	Strengths/Suggestions
<p>4a. Does this assessment engage a student in thinking that connects to a real world, new context, situation, problem or challenge? Provide an explanation of your response: Yes, this is a real-world situation - ethnic strife in the Balkans - as well as a real-world skill - developing a persuasive report</p>	<p>Yes=3; Somewhat=2; No=1</p>	
"Engages Students" Score	3	
<p>4b. To what extent do you think the knowledge and skills tested by the assessment can provide good information about what students have learned in the classroom? Provide an explanation of your response: It provides information on critical thinking and communication skills.</p>	<p>Yes=3; Somewhat=2; No=1</p>	
Classroom Learning Score	2	
<p>4c. To what degree do the results from this assessment (scores and student work analysis) foster meaningful dialogue about learning expectations and outcomes with students and parents? Provide an explanation of your response: Examination of the student essays would provide a meaningful dialogue for teachers and with students.</p>	<p>Yes=3; Somewhat=2; No=1</p>	
Learning Expectations/Outcomes Score	3	
<p>4d. To what extent do you believe the assessment can clearly communicate expectations for academic excellence to students? Provide an explanation of your response: The whole process is built around meaningful dialogue and that is clearly communicated. Rubric is "process" based, not standards-based.</p>	<p>Yes=3; Somewhat=2; No=1</p>	
Communicates Academic Excellence Score	2	
<p>4e. Based on the content evaluated by the task or the set of items reviewed, to what extent do you think teachers can use the results (scores and student work analysis) to understand what competency on standard/s look like? Provide an explanation of your response: It is not directly connected to CAS and is "skills/process" based.</p>	<p>Yes=3; Somewhat=2; No=1</p>	
Standards Competency Score	2	
<p>4f: Based on the content evaluated by the task or the set of items reviewed, to what extent do you think teachers can locate where the assessment evidence is represented within the curriculum, student learning objectives, or lesson? Provide an explanation of your response: Not all curriculums expect a "scored discussion" but most expect argumentation and analysis of multiple perspectives.</p>	<p>Yes=3; Somewhat=2; No=1</p>	
Locate evidence Score	2	

Summary	Earned	Possible
Standards Rating	2	3
Rigor Rating	2	3
Subtotal	4	6
Standards Alignment Percentage		66.7%
Scoring Guide Present	3	3
Rubric Aligned w/standards	2	3
Rubric/Scoring Coherent	3	3
Rubric/Scoring Alignment	3	3
Inter-rater reliability	2	3
Student work present	2	3
Subtotal	15	18
Scoring Percentage		83.3%
Clear & Uncluttered Presentation	2	3
Straight Forward Presentation	3	3
Free of Cultural or Unintended Bias	3	3
Academic Language Load	3	3
Adequate Accommodations Allowed	3	3
Subtotal	14	15
Fair & Unbiased Percentage		93.3%
Engagement	3	3
Reflects Classroom Learning	2	3
Reflects Learning Expectations/Outcomes	3	3
Communicates Academic Excellence	2	3
Competency on Standards Score	2	3
Locate evidence Score	2	3
Subtotal	14	18
Opportunities to Learn Percentage		77.8%
Grand Total	47	57
Overall Percentage		82.5%

This assessment is: Place an 'X' in the appropriate box

Fully Recommended	
Partially Recommended	x - rubric needs to be explicitly aligned to CAS
Not Recommended	