

High Quality Assessment Content Validity Review Tool

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Content Area: Social Studies
Name of Assessment: DAMS Humans Modify the Environment: http://otis.coe.uky.edu/ccsso/cssapmodules/dams/overview.html
Reviewer: Content Collaborative
Date of Review: 4/19/12

Assessment Profile										
Grade Level(s) suggested by this assessment: 9th Grade/Geography										
<u>Indicate the Colorado Academic Standards (CAS) and Grade Level Expectations evaluated by the Assessment:</u> SS09-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.2-EO.a; SS09-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.2-EO.b; SS09-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.2-EO.c; SS09-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.2-EO.d										
What is the DOK of the assessment? DOK 3										
Indicate the DOK range of the CAS Grade Level Expectations: DOK 1-3										
Describe the content knowledge/concepts assessed: Human/Environment Interaction, Multiple Perspective, Cultural and Economic Impact										
List the skills/performance assessed: Investigating and Justifying										
Item Types - check all that apply (note: there is often overlap among certain item types): Selected Response (multiple choice, true-false, matching, etc.) Short Answer (short constructed response, fill in a graphic organizer or diagram, explain your thinking or solution, make and complete a table, etc.) Extended Response (essay, multi-step response with explanation and rationale required for tasks) Product (research paper, editorial, log, journal, play, poem, model, multimedia, art products, script, musical score, portfolio pieces, etc.) Performance (demonstration, presentation, science lab, dance or music performance, athletic performance, debate, etc.)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><th style="padding: 2px;">Check All That Apply</th></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center; height: 20px;">x</td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> </table>	Check All That Apply				x				
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The assessment includes: Teacher directions (may include prerequisites/description of instruction before giving the assessment e.g., this assessment should be given after students have learned ...) Scoring Guide/Rubric Sample evidence to show what student performance might look like: Materials (if needed to complete the assessment) Estimated time for administration Student Directions & Assessment Task/Prompt – what does the student see/use? Other:	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><th style="padding: 2px;">Check All That Apply</th></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right; height: 20px;">x</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right; height: 20px;">x</td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right; height: 20px;">x</td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right; height: 20px;">x</td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> </table>	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>	x	
<p>Please provide evidence from both the standards and assessment to support your response:</p>		
<p>Definite alignment to Geography Standard 2 a-d, partial match to Econ 1.c</p>	<p>Full=3; Partial =2; No Match= 1</p>	
<p align="right">Alignment with Standards Score</p>		<p>3</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>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>	x	
<p>Please provide evidence from both the grade level expectations and assessment to support your response:</p>		
<p>The assessment is at a level 3, and this corresponds to the DOK of the standard.</p>	<p>Similar Rigor=2; More Rigor=1; Less Rigor= 1</p>	
<p align="right">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	 Yes, several types=3, Yes, at least one type=2, None=1	
Scoring Guide Present Score	2	
2a. Give evidence that the rubric/scoring criteria aligns to Colorado Academic Standards in this assessment. Scoring guide needs to be refined to meet CAS /GLE	 Completely aligned=3, Somewhat aligned=2, Not aligned=1	
Rubric Aligned with Standards Score	2	
2b. Are the score categories clearly defined and coherent across performance levels? Provide an explanation of your response: The categories are clear but need more specificity related to the GLE.	 Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1	
Rubric/Scoring Coherent Score	2	
2c. To what degree does the rubric/scoring criteria address all of the demands within the task or item? Explain: Categories in the rubric align to the specific requests of the prompt; may want to consider adding an ELA expectation for the written report.	 Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1	
Rubric/Scoring Alignment	2	
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 rubric needs to be more specific for CAS	 Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1	
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? Anchor papers of various proficiency levels of student mastery would need to be added	 Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1	
Student Work Samples Score	1	

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 assessment is clear and easy to read. The visuals do not present issues.	All=3, Some=2, None=1	
"Clear & Uncluttered" Score	3	
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:		
The task and the Letter of Invitation are separate; this could be confusing to some learners. Learner expectations are scattered throughout the documents; there is no single clear document that details student learning/activity	All=3, Some=2, None=1	
"Straight Forward" Score	2	
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:		
There does not seem to be any bias in the questions	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 is content specific language and process language that could be problematic for struggling readers	No=3, Somewhat=2, Yes=1	
"Academic Language" Score	2	
*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:		

Any accommodations that are legally specified are allowable on the assessment: specifically, presentation accommodations may be needed as well as response accommodations

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:</p> <p>It is a solution based problem that students must engage in.</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:</p> <p>Refers to standards, tests both content and skills. Product expectations need to be more explicit. Students need a specific set of resources for the assessment and a clear set of student expectations separate from the teacher instructions.</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:</p> <p>It allows the conversation to revolve around real world applicability.</p>	<p>Yes=3; Somewhat=2; No=1</p>	
Learning Expectations/Outcomes Score	2	
<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:</p> <p>There is a transfer of problem solving ability, understanding the geographic and historical context, the necessity of using technology and research.</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:</p> <p>With a tweaking of the rubric, this would be an exemplary tool to communicate competency.</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 identify what purpose the assessment serves (e.g., diagnostic, report card grades, adjusting instruction, etc.)? Provide an explanation of your response:</p> <p>This assessment can be used to support the demonstration of learning outcomes in the classroom and , depending on the district curricula, outcomes across classrooms.</p>	<p>Yes=3; Somewhat=2; No=1</p>	
Locate evidence Score	2	

Summary	Earned	Possible
Standards Rating	3	3
Rigor Rating	2	3
Subtotal	5	6
Standards Alignment Percentage		83.3%
Scoring Guide Present	2	3
Rubric Aligned w/standards	2	3
Rubric/Scoring Coherent	2	3
Rubric/Scoring Alignment	2	3
Inter-rater reliability	2	3
Student work present	1	3
Subtotal	11	18
Scoring Percentage		61.1%
Clear & Uncluttered Presentation	3	3
Straight Forward Presentation	2	3
Free of Cultural or Unintended Bias	3	3
Academic Language Load	2	3
Adequate Accommodations Allowed	3	3
Subtotal	13	15
Fair & Unbiased Percentage		86.7%
Engagement	3	3
Reflects Classroom Learning	2	3
Reflects Learning Expectations/Outcomes	2	3
Communicates Academic Excellence	2	3
Competency on Standards Score	2	3
Locate evidence Score	2	3
Subtotal	13	18
Opportunities to Learn Percentage		72.2%
Grand Total	42	57
Overall Percentage		73.7%

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

Fully Recommended	
Partially Recommended	x - the rubric needs to be realigned to CAS
Not Recommended	

Would be Highly Recommended with a revision of the rubric, a clarified Student Expectation sheet, and time requirements.