

## Performance Assessment Task

### Banff's Future: What Will We Decide?

Banff National Park is the oldest national park in Canada. Real estate developers have proposed that Banff's status as a national park be removed so that they may create new communities. Then more people would be able to enjoy the beauty of the area. Many people, however, are concerned about the effect that these new communities will have on the environment.

A series of public town hall meetings have been planned in various communities across Alberta. Albertans have been invited to share their opinions about this issue at these meetings. You have decided to take a stand and prepare a presentation.

Your presentation should:

- identify the unique geological features of the Rocky Mountain region
- highlight the value of national parks and protected areas
- propose a solution: How can the dilemma be solved? Provide facts and reasons to support your proposed solution.

Choose an effective way to present your ideas.

You might consider:

- flyer
- chant or song
- poster
- letter to the editor
- multimedia presentation
- TV or radio commercial
- speech



Are national parks still relevant today? Be prepared for your voice to be heard!

## Rubric: Banff's Future: What Will We Decide?

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Level Criteria	Excellent	Proficient	Adequate	Limited *	Insufficient / Blank *
<b>Identify unique geological features</b> (4.1.3.2)	Provides <b>rich and detailed</b> description of unique geological features.	Provides <b>substantial</b> description of unique geological features.	Provides <b>basic</b> description of unique geological features.	Provides <b>superficial</b> description of unique geological features.	No score is awarded because there is insufficient evidence of student performance based on the requirements of the assessment task.
<b>Explain value of national parks and protected areas</b> (4.1.1.4, 4.1.2.5)	Provides <b>insightful</b> reasons why the park is important to Alberta's natural environment.	Provides <b>meaningful</b> reasons why the park is important to Alberta's natural environment.	Provides <b>suitable</b> reasons why the park is important to Alberta's natural environment.	Provides <b>trivial</b> reasons why the park is important to Alberta's natural environment.	
<b>Propose a solution</b> (4.1.1.6, 4.1.4.3, 4.3.4.4, 4.5.4.1)	Proposes an <b>innovative</b> solution supported with <b>compelling</b> facts and reasons.	Proposes a <b>logical</b> solution supported with <b>convincing</b> facts and reasons.	Proposes an <b>obvious</b> solution supported with <b>appropriate</b> facts and reasons.	Proposes a <b>vague</b> solution that supported with <b>weak</b> facts and reasons.	
<b>Present information</b> (4.5.8.6)	Communicates information in a <b>compelling</b> manner to <b>engage</b> the audience.	Communicates information in a <b>purposeful</b> manner to <b>interest</b> the audience.	Communicates information in a <b>straight-forward</b> manner that <b>generally holds the attention</b> of the audience.	Communicates information in a <b>superficial</b> manner that <b>does little to sustain attention</b> of the audience.	

\* When work is judged to be limited or insufficient, the teacher makes decisions about appropriate intervention to help the student improve.