

Using the AAC Wordsmith (pp. 18 – 23 of *Building Better Rubrics*)

Use the AAC Wordsmith to complete the rubric.

- The ‘Excellent’ column has been completed. Notice how the rubric descriptors flesh out the criteria in order to provide more of the context for the task.
- Identify the skill focus (in the 2nd column) for each section of the rubric. This will identify the section of the Wordsmith that will be applicable to each criterion. Please note that this column does not exist on AAC rubrics, but has been added for workshop purposes.
- Complete the remaining three columns of the rubric by selecting words from the applicable category of the Wordsmith.
- Remember: Words may be selected from any row within the skill category, but words do not ‘float’ between levels (columns).

Level Criteria	Skill Focus from the Wordsmith	Excellent	Proficient	Adequate	Limited
Explains impact of economy on ways of life (5.3.4.2, 5.S.2.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selecting ‘enough’ information 	<p>Provides comprehensive information about the Great Depression.</p> <p>Makes insightful connections between the economy and how ways of life were affected.</p>	<p>Provides _____ information about the Great Depression.</p> <p>Makes _____ connections between the economy and how ways of life were affected.</p>	<p>Provides _____ information about the Great Depression.</p> <p>Makes _____ connections between the economy and how ways of life were affected.</p>	<p>Provides _____ information about the Great Depression.</p> <p>Makes _____ connections between the economy and how ways of life were affected.</p>
Selects photographs to make meaning (5.S.2.1. 5.S.7.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>Selects photographs that provide significant support for the article.</p>	<p>Selects photographs that provide _____ support for the article.</p>	<p>Selects photographs that provide _____ support for the article.</p>	<p>Selects photographs that provide _____ support for the article.</p>
Communicates information (5.S.8.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>Communicates information in a skillful manner to engage the audience.</p>	<p>Communicates information in a _____ manner to _____ the audience.</p>	<p>Communicates information in a _____ manner to _____ the audience.</p>	<p>Communicates information in a _____ manner to _____ the audience.</p>