

# Species on the Edge Art and Essay Grading Rubric

Criteria	Exceptional command	Good command	Adequate command	Needs revision	Incomplete or not addressed
<b>Part 1: Essay</b>					
<b>Following Directions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● About one of New Jersey’s threatened or endangered species</li> <li>● Fewer than 500 words long</li> <li>● No more than one (1) page long</li> <li>● Free from spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors</li> <li>● Proper heading at top of page: student’s name, grade, age, school, school address, teacher's name, and teacher's telephone number</li> </ul>					
<b>Research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Includes information about selected animal’s habitat, diet, reproduction, and natural history in New Jersey</li> <li>● All information is accurate</li> <li>● Sources are given proper credit (not plagiarized!)</li> </ul>					
<b>Creativity and Persuasiveness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Persuades the reader of the essay to care about the species’ future</li> <li>● Uses original, creative language to keep the reader’s attention</li> </ul>					
<b>Part 2: Poster Artwork</b>					
<b>Following Directions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Depicts one of New Jersey’s threatened or endangered species <b>AND</b> its habitat</li> <li>● Poster size is either 12 inches by 18 inches <b>OR</b> 11 inches by 17 inches</li> <li>● No border or matte around the artwork; no laminating or framing is allowed</li> <li>● Paint, colored pencil, markers, collage, pen &amp; ink, crayon, or other mediums may be used.</li> <li>● <b>DO NOT USE</b> photography, chalk, pastels, oil pastels, or computer generated artwork</li> <li>● No lettering on the poster</li> </ul>					
<b>Artwork</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Animal and its habitat are depicted accurately</li> <li>● Neat and to scale with the correct colors</li> <li>● Original and creative</li> </ul>					

- ★ Exceptional command → A range
- ★ Good command → B range
- ★ Adequate command → C range
- ★ Needs substantial revision → D range
- ★ Incomplete / not addressed → Not passing