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NHSaves Education Challenge Rubric: Grades 7-12

	4	3	2	1	Points
Craft	Masterful use of precise language and distinct voice, tone, and style is compelling and effectively conveys ideas.	Mostly consistent use of precise language and individual voice, tone, and style effectively conveys ideas.	Emerging use of precise language and individual voice, tone, and style help writer to more effectively convey ideas.	Use of basic language and undeveloped voice, tone, and style limit clarity and effectiveness of writing.	
Audience	Target audience is clear and writing/product transcends target audience / flexible and useable across multiple "communities".	The writing/product shows there was a clear target audience during creation.	The writing/product shows an attempt at creating with a target audience in mind.	Within the product, the target audience is unclear.	
Scientific Accuracy	Information presented shows solid understanding and analysis of the content.	Information presented shows understanding and is scientifically accurate.	Information presented is somewhat accurate.	Information presented is not accurate.	
Research and Synthesis	Research: utilizes multiple valid sources, questions discrepancies in presented data; properly cited in standard (MLA or APA) format.  Synthesis: Uses analysis of data and evidence to provide new, critical thoughts, and proposes relevant solutions.	Research: utilizes multiple valid sources, properly cited in standard (MLA or APA) format.  Synthesis: analyzes data and attempts to express new thoughts based on the evidence	Research: utilizes multiple sources, attempts proper citations in standard (MLA or APA) format  Synthesis: analyzes data and/or evidence; however limited attempt is made to express new thoughts	Research: utilizes limited sources, citations formatted incorrectly (neither MLA or APA format) or no citations included  Synthesis: limited analysis of data and/or evidence; no new thought based on evidence presented.	
Structure	The writing piece is well organized, including an introduction, well developed ideas, transitions, precise language, and an effective ending. It answers the question in an exceptionally compelling way.	The writing piece is well organized, including an introduction, well developed ideas, transitions, precise language, and an effective ending. It clearly answers the question.	The writing piece is somewhat organized, including an introduction, well developed ideas, transitions, precise language, and an effective ending. It attempts to answer the question.	The writing piece lacks organization and/or does not answer the question.	
Grammar, Usage, Mechanics, Spelling	Writer demonstrates masterful command of the English language (grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, etc.)	The writer demonstrates solid, mostly error-free command of the English language (grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, etc.)	The writer demonstrates inconsistent though increasing command of the English language (grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, etc.)	The writer does not yet demonstrate a basic command of the English language (grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, etc.)	
Total Points: _____					