Task: Students will compose a brief magazine article about the First Humans of North America. The article should demonstrate that it is well researched by including cited evidence from a variety of sources. You are taking the role of a magazine writer: apply your understanding of the evidence you collected from your sources to write a brief magazine article that describes clearly and accurately how long ago this migration took place, what the time period was like, why the first peoples migrated, and what they may have faced during the journey.

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Organization	Topic is introduced in a compelling manner; paragraphs are precisely focused on a specific topic.	Topic is clearly introduced; paragraphs are somewhat focused on a specific topic.	Topic is not very clear; paragraphs are not focused on a specific topic – or paragraphs are often begun with evidence	No introduction, lack of focus.
Citing Evidence	All evidence is accurately and appropriately cited	Most evidence is accurately and appropriately cited	Some evidence is accurately and appropriately cited	None of the evidence is accurately and appropriately cited
Multiple Sources	Draws evidence from many different documents (5+)	Draws evidence from some different documents (4)	Little indication of reflection driven by evidence from various documents.	No indication of driven by evidence from various documents.
Language	Writing includes many examples of domain specific vocabulary. Established and maintains a formal tone and style.	Writing includes some examples of domain specific vocabulary. Established and mostly maintains a formal tone and style.	Writing includes appropriate language. Somewhat maintains a formal tone and style.	Writing included is general and not grade appropriate. vocabulary. Does not maintain formal tone and style.
MU GS	No mistakes	Less than four mistakes	Less than eight mistakes	More than seven mistakes

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