### Assessment for a Position Paper

**Unit 6 Lesson 1: The Choice is Yours**

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<th>Criteria</th>
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<td>1. The problem is identified in a strong opening statement.</td>
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<td>2. Relevant scientific concepts are included and used correctly.</td>
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<td>3. Scientific vocabulary is explained.</td>
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<td>4. Information is accurate.</td>
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<td>5. The causes of the problem are summarized.</td>
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<td>6. Recommendations for the solution are made.</td>
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<td>7. Recommendations are logical and plausible.</td>
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<td>8. Visual aids are used effectively.</td>
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<td>9. There is a strong closing position statement.</td>
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<td>10. Mechanics, spelling, and neatness are exemplary.</td>
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**TOTAL POINTS**

100

**Comments:**

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**Notes:**

- Ensure each criterion is assessed accurately.
- Provide specific feedback on areas for improvement.
- Highlight strengths in the paper.

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**Advice:**

- Strengthen the opening by clearly defining the problem.
- Use scientific concepts accurately throughout the paper.
- Enhance vocabulary to ensure clarity.
- Ensure information is current and reliable.
- Summarize the causes systematically.
- Develop logical and plausible recommendations.
- Utilize visual aids effectively to support points.
- Conclude with a strong position statement.
- Pay attention to mechanics, spelling, and neatness.

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**Tips:**

- Review the criteria carefully before assessment.
- Consider the context and purpose of the position paper.
- Encourage students to revisit and revise their work.

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**Resources:**

- [Scientific Writing Guidelines](#)
- [APA Style Guide](#)
- [Thesis Statement Toolkit](#)