Global Geography 12 Essay

Outcomes:
Unit 5: The Global Geographer 1.1 ,1.2 ,1.3 ,1.4 ,1.5
Unit 2: Earth in the Balance 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 4.2

Question: Some in society believe today's global warming is a natural phenomenon and humans have no impact and are not the cause of climate change.
In a 750-1000 word essay, argue against this statement and explain why this attitude is dangerous for the future of humanity and the health of the planet.

To Do:
Cover the science that explains the causes of climate change and the link to human activity (CO2).
Focus on two major impacts this is having on the planet. Ocean rise, declining ice, rise in natural disasters, species extinction, water and food etc. to show how important this issue is to the future of the humanity.

Requirements:
- 750-1000 words in length, include word count at the end of the paper
- Typed, double spaced, 12 Times New Roman font
- MLA format including 1st page (instead of a title page)
- Thesis (Your point of view/argument and a brief overview of the evidence you will discuss to prove it)
- Formal essay (cannot use "I", contractions, slang, or abbreviations)
- Use effective paragraph structure
- Include and analyse evidence to support your opinion.
- Rubric must be attached

You may only use sources from class and the NASA web site. All other articles must be approved.

Due Date: Nov 10th

Criteria	Excellent 5-4.5	Very Good 4-3.5	Progressing 3-2.5	Needs Improvement 2-0	
Structure of Argument **Body** **Conclusion** **Outcomes:** **1.1,1.2,1.3,1.4,1.5**	Effectively introduces the topic Thesis statement clearly and effectively identifies your position (answer to the question) Very clearly highlights supporting arguments to be discussed (without providing details) Highly effective topic sentences (each clearly presents a supporting argument), concluding sentences (clearly links argument and evidence to thesis), and paragraph structure used consistently throughout essay Clear and effective summary of supporting arguments Strong conclusion shows a convincing case was made.	Topic is introduced Thesis statement identifies your position (answer to the question) Highlights supporting arguments to be discussed Good paragraph structure, relevant topic sentences. concluding sentences (clear links to thesis) Conclusion restates thesis and supporting arguments. Convinces the reader of your position.	Somewhat of an introduction Your position is stated, but supporting arguments to be discussed are not clear Supporting arguments are outlined but position (answer to the question) is not clear. Most topic sentences included, but need to be more consistently and directly linked to the thesis. concluding sentences included but need to be more linked to the thesis. Conclusion does not summarize arguments or does not convince the reader.	No clear position taken Supporting arguments not clear nor outlined Choppy flow – a bit confusing Much more work needed with respect to answering the question Most/all topic and concluding sentences missing Conclusion does not summarize arguments or does not convince the reader.	**x2**
Content **Evidence** **(facts & examples)** **Depth & Analysis** **(Understanding of outcomes)** **Outcomes:** **2.1,2.2,2.3,2.4,4.2**	Insightful, clearly focused, and well balanced arguments in support of your thesis are included Compelling and detailed evidence is used consistently and convincingly to support the thesis Excellent variety of perceptive evidence used Highly effective explanations clearly show how the evidence supports the thesis – consistent throughout Evidence is used to effectively convince the reader of thesis. Demonstrates critical thinking and an in depth understanding	Relevant and focused arguments in support of your thesis are included Relevant and mostly detailed evidence is present in support of the thesis Good variety of evidence used Explanations show how the evidence supports the thesis, however they need to be clearer and/or more convincing Evidence is used to convince reader. Solid understanding demonstrated	An attempt was made to include arguments in support of your thesis, however they need to be more relevant and/or focused There is some relevant, accurate evidence, but detail is insufficient Greater variety of evidence needed Explanations attempt to show how examples support the thesis, but limited and/or in need of much further elaboration Evidence appears to be "listed" Lack of understanding	Essay is too narrative or descriptive, you need to present clear arguments in support of your thesis More accurate and/or specific evidence to avoid unsupported generalizations. Explanations and connections to thesis are not included In-text citation missing Little understanding	**X3=**
Organization and Mechanics **Formating and Essay Rules** **Outcomes: 1.5**	Correct spelling and grammar used effectively all/almost all of the time Well constructed sentences, consistent use of effective and relevant vocabulary Very well organized and smooth transitions from one idea to the next. Meets all formatting requirements: Blank white paper Typed Double spaced Times New Roman font Correct page numbering Correct MLA title page Correct MLA referencing Word Count included	Spelling and grammar used with considerable accuracy Most sentences are well structured, good use of varied and relevant vocabulary Organized and good flow from one idea to the next. One –two formatting requirements are not met.	Spelling and grammar require more work Sentences are somewhat well constructed Try to avoid repetitive and/or ineffective vocabulary Include more formal and relevant vocabulary Three –four formatting requirements are not met.	Multiple spelling and grammar errors Sentence structure needs improvement Unclear, or inaccurate vocabulary Paragraph structure unclear Much more consideration of organization required. More than four formatting requirements are not met.	**X1=**
Total					**/30**