

Student(s) Name/Code:	Project Name:
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Check 'Star' if idea is a Gem



Excessive Length Penalty
(minus 2 points over 1,400 words)

55 pts
Worth 35% of final score

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INNOVATION & ADAPTABILITY							
Minimal		Adequate			Impressive		
0	1	2	3	4	5	Value	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses existing techniques in a common application. Common knowledge has been applied but local circumstances could hinder the solution. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses existing techniques in a new application. Project has somewhat considered local circumstances and the impact on their solution. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses a new approach or an existing technique in a highly creative manner. Project has considered local circumstances and adapted solution accordingly. 		
IMPACT POTENTIAL							
0	2	4	6	8	10	Value	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solution has little or no environmental and/or social improvement. Solution does not engage school or community partners. Solution does not consider long term sustainability and/or goals. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solution has positive environmental and/or social improvement but may be difficult to repeat in other places of the watershed. Solution engages at least one school or community partner. Solution somewhat considers long term sustainability and/or goals. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solution could result in a clear environmental and/or social improvement and could be repeated in other places in the watershed. Solution engages 2+ school or community partners. Solution includes long term sustainability and/or goals. 		
RESEARCH & WRITING							
0	1	2	3	4	5	Value	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing is unclear or missing critical details. 0-1 credible sources cited throughout the proposal. Little research completed. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing is adequate but flow between ideas is weak 2-4 credible sources cited throughout the proposal. Some research completed. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing is captivating, clear and is well-balanced. 5+ credible sources cited throughout the proposal. Extensive research and diverse perspectives considered where needed. 		
BUDGET							
0	1	2	3	4	5	Value	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No costs of project have been mentioned or values mentioned appear unrealistic. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs of the project have been analyzed. Values appear accurate but a few costs may be missing. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A detailed budget has been included. Values appear accurate and all encompassing. 		
REALISTIC SOLUTION							
0	2	4	6	8	10	Value	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not identify a realistic solution for the identified concern. Little to no evidence that this project is likely to be implemented within one year. Project may not adhere to existing laws. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies a realistic solution and is likely to happen at the local level. Evidence is provided that this project MIGHT be implemented within one year however, specific dates, locations, contacts, steps, etc. are missing. Project complies with existing laws. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies a realistic solution and is highly likely to happen at the local level. Evidence is provided that this project will be implemented within one year. Project complies with existing laws and avoids undesirable side effects. 		
VISUALS							
0	1	2	3	4	5	Value	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visuals are incorrect, unattractive or ambiguous. Visuals do not add new information. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some visuals are used, but are not clearly explained. Visuals support the project. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visuals are unique, appealing, descriptive, and accurate. Visuals significantly enhance the idea, such as PowerPoint, videos, displays, poems or charts. 		
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)							
0	1	2	3	4	5	Value	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No mention of the SDGs. No details are provided. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentions the SDGs and provides some detail on what goal(s) the solution will contribute to. Does not explain how their local project fits into to the global community and supports moving the dial on the SDGs. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly addresses what SDG the solution will contribute to and includes specific SDG targets. Clearly explains how their local project fits into to the global community and supports moving the dial on the SDGs. 		
ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY							
0	2	4	6	8	10	Value	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies a minor local environmental issue. The proposal presents a basic understanding of the local watershed and the issue. Minimal understanding of the solution is presented and complexities are overlooked. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies an important local issue. Presents adequate understanding of the local watershed and the issue. Demonstrates reasonable understanding of the solution and some of its complexities. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies a substantial environmental issue: local, national or international. The proposal thoroughly reflects a deep understanding of the local watershed and the issue. Demonstrates comprehensive grasp of the solution and its complexity. 		

Judges please provide feedback below. Your comments may be sent to the contestant.

One thing you did well:

One improvement:

Judge's Initials: