**Opinion Paper Rubric Who or What is Causing Global Warming? Name:…………………………………………… Date: ……………….**

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| **Communication - Criteria** | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 |
| Language | Numerous errors make the essay hard to read/understand. | Errors in the essay distract the reader/ make message unclear. | Correct conventions are generally used. Two or three errors are evident. | Correct grammar, spelling and punctuation used. |
| Referencing | A list of references is provided with little to no attention to APA formatting. | Resources are referenced with some attention to APA formatting. | Resources are referenced with considerable attention to APA formatting. | Resources are properly cited using APA formatting |
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| **Application – Criteria** | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 |
| Opinion  Who or what is responsible for global warming? | Essay does not say clearly state what the opinion is. | The opinion and/or restatement is buried, confused or unclear. | States an opinion, restates it at end, but doesn’t explain why it is controversial. | Clearly states an opinion, explains why it’s controversial and restates it at end. |
| Supporting Reasons | Paper does not give convincing reasons in support of the opinion. | Gives 1 or 2 weak/confusing reasons in support of opinion. | Gives reasons in support of opinion but may overlook some important facts. | Gives clear and accurate reasons in support of opinion. |