



Condobolin High School

Notification of an Assessment Task



Name and Type of Task: Sustainable Biomes Research Task

Year OR Stage: Year 9

Subject: Geography

Task Number: 1

Date Issued: 15/3/24 (Term 1, Wk 7)

Date Due: 3/4/24 (Term 1, Wk 10)

Total Marks: 50

Weighting: 25%

Class Teacher/s: Ms Whiley/Ms Perrin

Head Teacher: Ms Sidoroff

Submission Instructions – Your presentation should be in the format of a **website using Google Sites, completed on Google Classroom.**

Task Context:

In this topic you have learnt about the physical characteristics and productivity of biomes.

In this task you will create a report, presented through a website, that examines the impact of human activities for the production of ONE food crop for predominantly ONE biome.

Syllabus Content:

- GE5-1: explains the diverse features and characteristics of a range of places and environments
- GE5-2: explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments
- GE5-3: analyses the effect of interactions and connections between people, places and environments
- GE5-5: assesses management strategies for places and environments for their sustainability
- GE5-7: acquires and processes geographical information by selecting and using appropriate and relevant geographical tools for inquiry
- GE5-8: communicates geographical information to a range of audiences using a variety of strategies.

Task Description:

You are to create report, presented through a website, that examines the impact of human activities for the production of ONE food crop for predominantly ONE biome.

Your product can be chosen from the following list: Cocoa, Cotton, Rice, Coffee or Palm Oil.

Your website must be completed on Google Sites, using your Google Classroom.

Your website is to include the following sections:

1. Description of Biome - Description of your product's natural **biome**

2. Production in the Biome – Explanation of the alterations made to the biome to produce the product of your choice and **assess** for sustainability in the long term.

3. Issues in Growth – Analyse the problems associated with growing and harvesting your product

4. Recommendations for sustainability – make a justified recommendation to improve sustainable cultivation and consumption of your product

5. Bibliography – Include 5 or more formatted sources

- Images and maps are required. These should be labelled.
- Plagiarism is unacceptable under any circumstances; you must write each element into your own words.

Criteria for Assessing Learning:

You will be assessed on your:

- Ability to describe your product's natural biome
- Ability to explain the alterations made to the biome to produce your chosen product and assess for sustainability
- Your ability to analyse the problems associated with growing and harvesting your product
- Your ability to make justified recommendations to improve sustainable cultivation and consumption of your product

Key Verbs:

Describe: *provide characteristics and features*

Explain: *Relate cause and effect, make the relationships between things evident; provide why and/or how*

Assess: *Make a judgement of value, quality, outcomes, results or size*

Analyse: *Identify components and the relationship between them; draw out and relate implications*

Justify: *support an argument or conclusion*

Marking Guidelines:

Description	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An extensive description of your product's natural biome• An extensive explanation of the alterations made to the biome to produce the product of your choice and assessment for sustainability• An extensive analysis of the issues related to growing and harvesting your product• Extensive justified recommendations to improve sustainable cultivation and consumption of your product• Correctly formatted bibliography, referencing more than 5 appropriate sources.	41 - 50
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A thorough description of your product's natural biome• A thorough explanation of the alterations made to the biome to produce the product of your choice and assessment for sustainability• A thorough analysis of the issues related to growing and harvesting your product• Thorough justified recommendations to improve sustainable cultivation and consumption of your product• Correctly formatted bibliography, referencing 5 appropriate sources	31 - 40
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A sound description of your product's natural biome• A sound explanation of the alterations made to the biome to produce the product of your choice and assessment for sustainability• A sound analysis of the issues related to growing and harvesting your product• Sound justified recommendations to improve sustainable cultivation and consumption of your product• Correctly formatted bibliography included	21 - 30
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A basic description of your product's natural biome• A basic explanation of the alterations made to the biome to produce the product of your choice and assessment for sustainability• A basic analysis of the issues related to growing and harvesting your product• Basic justified recommendations to improve sustainable cultivation and consumption of your product• Bibliography included but some sources not correctly referenced	11 - 20
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A limited description of your product's natural biome• A limited explanation of the alterations made to the biome to produce the product of your choice and assessment for sustainability• A limited analysis of the issues related to growing and harvesting your product• Limited justified recommendations to improve sustainable cultivation and consumption of your product• Does not include a bibliography	0 - 10