

	the land are present.	present and connected.	present, interesting and connected.	present, insightful and extensively connected.
Modern day challenge(s) facing their National Park (SS 5.1.2, 5.1.3)	Modern day challenge(s) facing their National Park are identified.	Modern day challenge(s) facing their National Park are clearly identified and addressed.	Modern day challenge(s) facing their National Park are descriptively identified and thoughtfully addressed.	Modern day challenge(s) facing their National Park are comprehensively identified and exceptionally addressed. (Examples might include critical connections to relevant factors such as biodiversity, human impact and natural disasters.)
Knowledge and communication of understandings (ELA 3.1, 3.2, 3.3)	Uses unrelated research strategies to record knowledge and data to communicate their understandings of their topic.	Uses basic and proper research strategies to record knowledge and data to communicate their understandings of their topic.	Uses authentic research strategies to record and analyze insightful knowledge and data to communicate their understandings of their topic.	Uses critical and authentic research strategies to record and analyze insightful knowledge and data to accurately communicate their understandings of their topic.