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Writing Rubric – Topic: Akashi Kaikyo Bridge Design

8.4a – Bridge design is influenced by the length of the span, the properties of the materials and the environmental conditions, as well as by practical considerations, such as the bridge's appearance, cost of materials, or construction site challenges.

Criteria	Exceeds Standard	Meets Standard	Progressing Toward Standard	Limited Progress
Introduction	Meets Standard plus draws reader into the essay effectively	Clearly introduces topic of essay and all major points of the paper	Introduces topic and presents some of the major points of the essay	Introduction confusing, incomplete, or poorly written
Body of Essay	4 or more points are made using extensive details to support the essay's thesis	4 accurate points are made using details to support the essay's thesis	Either less than 4 points are made or points lack details necessary to support essay's thesis	Less than 4 points are made with little supporting details
Conclusion	Well written conclusion reminds readers of how essay points support thesis	Well written conclusion reinforces essay's thesis	Conclusion restates essay's thesis but lacks enough details to reinforce thesis	Essay ends abruptly or conclusion is incomplete or confusing
Mechanics	Well organized and written. With no important errors	Well organized and written. Few (<3) grammar, punctuation, or capitalization errors	Essays fails to flow from point to point or errors in grammar, punctuation, or capitalization interfere with understanding	Needs major editing to improve understanding
Scientific Vocabulary	Essay uses scientific vocabulary correctly and consistently	Essay uses scientific vocabulary correct for the topic being presented.	Scientific vocabulary is used sparingly or sometimes incorrectly	Little or no use of scientific vocabulary or vocabulary used incorrectly
Totals				