

Santa Fe Trail Itinerary Grading Rubric

Student: _____ Grader: _____

0 = WTF

1 = minimal effort and seriously lacking

2 = some effort, but still unsatisfactory

3 = getting close

4 = excellent and complete

Wikipedia-like intro (*short first paragraph (no heading) that conveys the nature of the site, relevant time, place, and historic significance; focuses on broad points without extraneous detail*) _____

Clear section headings (*neither too short nor too long; easy to skim*) _____

Clear narrative thread (*paragraph first sentences indicate topic; paragraphs and sections smoothly transition from one to another*) _____

Focused paragraphs (*paragraphs have an obvious and singular purpose/topic; appropriately sized*) _____

Writing competency (*Free of typos, sentence fragments, and simple sentences*) _____

Images (*3 minimum; properly sized; convey something useful*) _____

Captions (*more than simple label; explain the site's significance; point out crucial details to the reader; convey main points of site to reader through captions alone*) _____

Historical claims adequately cited (*parenthetical citations to reputable sources; precise and unambiguous citations with author, date, and page; statements that are not common knowledge have citations*) _____

Related peoples/places/articles (*3 for each category; relevant and working links*) _____

Hyperlinks to related pages (*important people, places, events have links; sound choice of linked text*) _____

General comments:

Itinerary Grade _____

(*this is a final grade for your draft, but not the final grade for your itinerary essay, due Dec 12*)