Features	Description	Range	Comments

Coverage of issues & information	Includes the following:
	● Definition of terrorism accepted by NCTC
	● Definitions and at least two examples for each type of terrorism committed by states
	   ○ State
	   ○ State-sponsored
	   ○ War
	● Describe the three R's of terrorism
	● Explain how terrorists could acquire NEM
	● Explain the three ways terrorists could acquire nuclear weapons and indicate which strategy is most likely
	● Discuss how terrorists could transport a nuclear weapon into the US
		25%
		
		High
		
		Mid
		
		Low	

Accurate use of concepts	Course concepts from lecture and readings are employed clearly, accurately, and with a sufficient level of detail (i.e., quantified) Accurate definitions for key terms (e.g. terrorism, NEM)	15% **High** **Mid** **Low**	
Explanation & argument	No bias or personal opinion expressed Rationale for expert analysis is communicated clearly and convincingly Includes the following sections, as described in the BLUF (bottom line up front) organized document: 1. Introduction 2. Background 3. Substantiation 4. Outlook	15% **High** **Mid** **Low**	
Professional style	● Written in a BLUF style: most important information first ● Geared toward presidential administration and policymakers ● Congruent with ICTC report style: text is clear, concise, organized; uses a tone appropriate to writing situation ● Comprehensive and thoughtful use of sources, including course slides, *What Terrorists Want*, and other sources (former two must be cited) ○ Source info cited according to "Conformity to	20% **High** **Mid** **Low**	

	Conventions" section of rubric ○ Most of report is in writer's own words		
Conformity to conventions	In accordance with the BLUF style, the first sentence of each paragraph should be bold Appropriate title, centered, in 16-point bold font Section headings are left-aligned in 14-point bold font The report should be between 2.5-3 pages Header, date, and page numbers in correct format 12-point Times New Roman font throughout (including page numbers) 1.25" side margins and 1" top margins and .5" bottom margins. Key terms bold and acronyms written fully in first use Cite course slides as (20p280 Terrorism, slide ##) Cite *What Terrorists Want* as (Richardson, page ##) Use APA parenthetical in-text citations for any other sources No bibliography included	10% **High** **Low**	
Copy editing & use of standard language	Grammar and mechanics are edited for correctness and readability	5% **High** **Low**	
Thoughtful peer response		10% **High** **Low**	**Note: The score marked by your TA does not yet include these points.**
Overall Comments:			