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| Coverage of issues & information             | - Accurate definition of terrorism accepted by NCTC  
- Accurate definitions and examples of the different types of terrorism committed by states  
  o State  
  o War  
  o State-Sponsored  
- The 3 R’s of terrorism  
- Explanations of how terrorists can acquire NEM, as well as the various pathways they could use to construct and utilize nuclear weapons with these materials. Indicate the most likely strategy.  
- Explanations of how terrorists could transport nuclear weapons into the US (including the feasibility and challenges of preventing such weapons from entering the country)                                                                                       | High     |
| Precise & accurate use of concepts           | - Accurate definitions used (e.g. terrorism, NEM, different types)  
- Course concepts should be well employed and relevant to the above information  
  o Successfully argues why the new administration must continue funding of efforts that prevent nuclear terrorism  
  o Sufficiently conveys the threat of nuclear terrorism                                                                                                                        | High     |
| Explanation & argument                       | - Writer’s approach is informative and unbiased  
- Rationale for expert analysis is communicated clearly and convincingly  
- Includes the following sections, as described in the BLUF (bottom line up front) organized document:  
  o Introduction  
  o Background  
  o Substantiation  
  o Outlook                                                                                                               | High     |
| Professional style | Written in BLUF style  
Geared toward college-educated members of the new administration and policymakers who may not necessarily possess advanced technical knowledge.  
Language adheres to the ICTC report style: text is clear, concise, and organized with a tone appropriate to the writing situation  
Thoughtful list of sources that are relevant to Nuclear Terrorism such as course slides, *What Terrorists Want*, “Nuclear Terrorism Fact Sheet,” “Preventing Catastrophic Nuclear Terrorism,” and other sources (first two must be cited).  
- Source info cited according to “Conformity and Conventions” section of the rubric  
- Most of the report is in the writer’s own words | 20%  
| High  
| Mid  
| Low |
| Conformity to conventions | 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 1.25-1.5 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.  
-1% for any major error | 5%  
| High  
| Low |
| Thoughtful peer response | | 10%  
| High  
| Low |

Note: The score marked by your TA does not yet include these points.