

Features			Comments
<b>Coverage of issues &amp; information</b>	<p>The content should include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accurate definition of terrorism accepted by NCTC</li> <li>• Accurate definitions and examples of the different types of terrorism committed by states               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ State</li> <li>○ War</li> <li>○ State-Sponsored</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The 3 R's of terrorism</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Explanations of how terrorists could transport nuclear weapons into the US (including the feasibility and challenges of preventing such weapons from entering the country)</li> </ul>	25%  <b>High</b>  <b>Mid</b>  <b>Low</b>	
<b>Precise &amp; accurate use of concepts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accurate definitions used (e.g. terrorism, NEM, different types)</li> <li>• Course concepts should be well employed and relevant to the above information               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Successfully argues why the new administration must continue funding of efforts that prevent nuclear terrorism</li> <li>○ Sufficiently conveys the threat of nuclear terrorism</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	15%  <b>High</b>  <b>Mid</b>  <b>Low</b>	
<b>Explanation &amp; argument</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writer's approach is informative and unbiased</li> <li>• Rationale for expert analysis is communicated clearly and convincingly</li> <li>• Includes the following sections, as described in the BLUF (bottom line up front) organized document:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Introduction</li> <li>○ Background</li> <li>○ Substantiation</li> <li>○ Outlook</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	15%  <b>High</b>  <b>Mid</b>  <b>Low</b>	
<b>Professional style</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written in BLUF style</li> <li>• Geared toward college-educated members of the new administration and policymakers who may not necessarily possess advanced technical knowledge.</li> <li>• Language adheres to the ICTC report style: text is clear, concise, and organized with a tone appropriate to the writing situation</li> <li>• Thoughtful list of sources that are relevant to Nuclear Terrorism such as course slides, <i>What Terrorists Want</i>, "Nuclear Terrorism Fact</li> </ul>	20%  <b>High</b>  <b>Mid</b>  <b>Low</b>	

	<p>Sheet," "Preventing Catastrophic Nuclear Terrorism," and other sources (first two must be cited).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Source info cited according to "Conformity and Conventions" section of the rubric</li> <li>o Most of the report is in the writer's own words</li> </ul>		
<b>Conformity to conventions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BLUF style: the first sentence of each paragraph should be bold</li> <li>• Appropriate title, centered, in 16-point bold font</li> <li>• Section headings are left-aligned in 14-point bold font</li> <li>• The report should be between 1.25-1.5 pages</li> <li>• Header, date, and page numbers in correct format</li> <li>• 12-point Times New Roman font throughout (including page numbers)</li> <li>• 1.25" side margins and 1" top margins and .5" bottom margins.</li> <li>• Key terms bold and acronyms written fully in first use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Cite course slides as (20p280 Terrorism, slide ##)</li> <li>o Cite What Terrorists Want as (Richardson, page ##)</li> <li>o Use APA parenthetical in-text citations for any other sources</li> <li>o No bibliography included</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	10%  <b>High</b>  <b>Low</b>	
<b>Copy editing &amp; use of standard language</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grammar and mechanics are edited for correctness and readability.</li> <li>• -1% for any major error</li> </ul>	5%  <b>High</b>  <b>Low</b>	
<b>Thoughtful peer response</b>		10%  <b>High</b>  <b>Low</b>	<b>Note: The score marked by your TA does not yet include these points.</b>
<b>Overall Comments:</b>			