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Content	Presents the utopia	Includes essential	Includes essential	Content is minimal	Not enough
	with in-depth details	details on the utopia.	information on the	OR there are several	information is
	and examples.	Knowledge of utopian	utopia, but there are	major concepts of	present to score
	Knowledge of utopian	societies appears to	1-2 major contents of	utopian societies that	this portion of
	societies is excellent.	be good.	utopian societies that	are unclear.	the project.
			are unclear.		
Originality	Community shows a	Community shows	Community uses	Community uses	Not enough
	large amount of	some original	other people's ideas	other people's ideas,	information is
	original thought.	thought. Work shows	(giving them credit),	but does not give	present to score
	Ideas are creative	new ideas and	but there is little	them credit.	this portion of
	and inventive.	insights.	evidence of original	Community does not	the project.
			thinking.	have any new or	
				original thoughts.	
Organization	Content is well	Uses headings,	Content is logically	There is no clear or	Not enough
	organized using	bulleted lists and	organized for the	logical organizational	information is
	headings, bulleted	written paragraphs to	most part.	structure, just lots of	present to score
	lists, and written	organize, but the		facts.	this portion of
	paragraphs to group	overall organization			the project.
	related material.	of topics appears			
		flawed.			

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Design and	Visual design is	Visual design is	Visual design makes	Visual design is	Not enough
Layout	appropriate and	usually appropriate	the presentation	inappropriate. The	information is
	reader friendly.	and reader friendly.	difficult to read at	presentation is	present to score
	Layout and design	Layout and design	times. Images usually	difficult to read or	this portion of
	use color and images	use color and images	illustrate content, but	navigate. Layout and	the project.
	to set the tone.	to set the tone.	some are	design distracts from	
	Images emphasis or	Images usually	unnecessary or	the content of the	
	illustrate the content.	emphasis or illustrate	inappropriate.	community. Images	
		the content.		are ornamental or	
				inappropriate.	
Resources	Project includes	Project includes	Project includes	Documentation for	Not enough
	complete	adequate	partial documentation	resources is	information is
	documentation or	documentation for all	for all resources.	incomplete or	present to score
	resources. Print and	resources.		missing.	this portion of
	graphic resources are				the project.
	included.				
Conventions	There are no	There are a few	There are	There are multiple	Not enough
	misspellings,	misspellings,	misspellings,	misspellings,	information is
	grammatical, or	grammatical or	grammatical, and/or	grammatical, and/or	present to score
	mechanical errors.	mechanical errors.	mechanical errors	mechanical errors	this portion of
		The errors do not	that may distract the	that distract the	the project.
		distract the reader.	reader.	reader.	

Utopian Elements Rubric

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Requirements	All requirements are met	All requirements are met.	One requirement was not	More than one
	and exceeded.		completely met.	requirement was not
				completely met.

Items	Details	Included?
Name of Society	Uses a creative and appropriate name that captures the spirit of the new society.	
Declaration of	States reasons for formation of the new society and explains those reasons with detailed	
Independence	evidence. Language is appropriate for a formal government statement.	
Utopian Motto and	Provide a clear representation of the aspects of the society upon which the utopia is	
Seal	founded. Language is clear, and images appropriate. Explanation clearly provides the	
	rationale for the selection and makes strong connections to the beliefs upon which the	
	society was founded. Mrs. Kroese can scan in your drawn seal if it is not computer	
	generated.	
List of Rules	Includes clear rules for appropriate behavior that are in line with the beliefs upon which	
	the society was founded. Reasons for the rules are well detailed (10).	
Governing Body	Outlines the system of government that oversees the society, using formal language	
	appropriate for a government document. Rationales are clearly explained. Look for the	
	four types of governmental systems to help you decide how you are going to govern.	

Invitation to Friends	Persuades friends to join the society, giving clear reasons why the utopia is appropriate	
	for them. Uses casual, semi-formal language to engage readers.	
Journal Entries	Includes 3 entries for different days that describe and reflect upon life in the utopia.	
	Entries are written in informal language.	
Daily Itinerary	Outlines a complete, time-based schedule for the daily events of citizens. Activities	
	clearly align with the beliefs upon which the society was founded.	
Propaganda	Presents life in the utopia in a clear message that engages potential citizens. The details	
	in the ad clearly align with the beliefs upon which the society was founded. Video clip	
	that is 1:00-1:15 in length (minute).	

Above and Beyond

Video	Creative use of video is used to capture the essence of your community. Needs to be	
	well thought out and done with style. Could be anything such as weather forecast, travel	
	channel episode, etc. Use your imagination. Video cannot be utilized until all of the	
	above requirements are met.	
Creative Components	Any other creative media that would add and relate to your utopian society.	