InvAPES Invasive Species Writing Assignment Speci

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**Task:** Invasive (or introduced) species are sometimes called “biological pollution” because of the negative environmental effects that often accompany their introduction and spread. Select any invasive species in the world. You will write a newspaper article (approx. 500 words) describing and reporting the problems caused by the invasive species you selected. Your article should include the following information:

* + How the invasive species was brought to the new location
  + If the invasive species was brough intentionally or unintentionally
  + The major problems they have caused since being introduced to the ecosystem
  + Discuss what features make the invasive species such a successful invader
  + Make a suggestion of how the invasive species might be controlled

**Due: Monday, November 9th**

**Article Format:**

* Typed
* Times New Roman 12 font
* Must include a bibliography and in-text citations!
* Must include an appropriate headline. It needs to be accurate but also sell papers!
* Must Include at least one picture!

**APA Citation Format:**

In text citations

* (Author’s last name, year of publication).
* Direct quote:
  + “APA style is easy for UASCJ students to learn” (Jones, 1998).
* Paraphrase:
  + According to Jones (1998), APA style is a easy for UASCJ students to learn.
  + APA style is easy for UASCJ students to learn (Jones, 1998).

Two authors

* + APA style is easy for UASCJ students to learn (Jones and Smith, 1998)

Three to five authors:

* + APA style is easy for UASCJ students to learn
  + (Jones *et. al*, 1998)

Unknown Author

* + If the work does not have an author, cite the source by its title or use the first word or two in the parentheses.
  + A similar study was done of students learning to format research papers ("Using APA," 2001).

Bibliography:

Known author:

* Author last name, first initial. (Year). Title. Website or Journal

Unknown Author:

* + Title. (Year). Website or Journal.

Resource for citations: owl.english.purdue.edu

**Rubric**

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| **Background info** | The article fails to mention how the invasive species was introduced to the habitat | The article give limited information as to how the invasive species was introduced to the habitat | The article describes how the invasive species was introduced to the habitat | The article **describes in detail** how the invasive species was introduced to the habitat |
| **Effect on Ecosystem** | The article fails to explain how the invasive species is impacting the ecosystem. | The article explains how the invasive species is impacting the ecosystem in a **limited fashion**. | The article explains how the invasive species is impacting the ecosystem. | The article **thoroughly** explains how the invasive species is impacting the ecosystem. |
| **Successful invader** | The article provides minimal information as to the qualities that make the invasive species a successful invader. | The article provides some information as to the qualities that make the invasive species a successful invader. | The article provides information as to the qualities that make the invasive species a successful invader. | The article provides **detailed, scientific** **information** as to the qualities that make the invasive species a successful invader. |
| **Solution** | The author does not generate a solution | The author generates a solution but it is not likely to control the invasive species | The author generates a solution that is likely to control the invasive species | The author generates a **practical solution** that is **grounded in research** and **highly likely** to control the invasive species |
| **Spelling and Grammar** | Student did not proofread and has several spelling and grammar errors. | Several spelling and/or grammar errors. | A few spelling and/or grammar errors. | Free of spelling and grammatical errors. |
| **APA Citations** | Student does not provide any in text citations or bibliography | Student provides in text citations and a bibliography but they are **not in the correct format** | Student provides in text citations and a bibliography and they are **mostly in** the correct format | Student provides in text citations and a bibliography and they are **ALL in** the correct format |