

**TRIO ThinkQuest Competition
Judging Rubrics 2008**

The following Rubrics are adapted from the Oracle Education Foundation’s Evaluation Criteria for the 2008 ThinkQuest International Competition. It is left to the discretion of the judges to determine the points awarded within each criteria when the entry has qualities or material that places it within more than one range of points.

Scoring Points:

10 – Outstanding	8 – Excellent	5 – Average	3 – Poor	0 – Not Evident
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Score	Criteria
____ of 10	<p>1. Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Website expertly explores the chosen topic as evidenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. depth of information provided, b. inclusion of supporting details, and c. variety of information sources used ▪ All content is accurate, credible, current, and supported by citations.
____ of 10	<p>2. Writing & Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Website is written in English using correct grammar, punctuation and spelling. ▪ Writing is concise and easy to understand. ▪ Content is effectively organized so as to hold the reader’s attention and easily transition between sections.
____ of 10	<p>3. Originality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Website is creative and original in its approach to presenting the topic. ▪ A variety of information sources are used, including primary sources such as interviews, surveys, personal observations, and original artwork or multimedia recordings. ▪ Content is the original work of the students and not paraphrased or copied from outside sources in any way. <p>(Plagiarism results in disqualification.)</p>
____ of 10	<p>4. Educational Relevance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Content is written and organized for a student audience. ▪ Team effectively describes its’ intended audience and relevance to teaching and learning. ▪ Website is educational and informative.
____ of 10	<p>5. Global Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Team has selected a topic of global importance. ▪ Website proactively presents diverse viewpoints on the topic, with clear differentiation between opinion and fact. ▪ Website raises awareness, presents action steps, and/or effectively engages others in addressing the issue.

