



Name: _____

TROUBLED VISION

Nickie is a student in grade eight, just like many others. She likes to hang out with friends, in person or through social media. Lately, she's had trouble keeping track of her friends and their updates. Nickie has an unfortunate condition that prevents her from spending long periods of time staring at the tiny screen on her phone. This condition is called homework, and it afflicts thousands of young people around the globe. In Nickie's case, she has to write a human interest article about a person suffering from a particular



vision defect. There's a list on her Science teacher's website that helped her choose a topic. There are also some links to sample articles to help her understand the format to follow. She has to produce her article, including pictures, using Microsoft Publisher. The subject of her article can be real or fictional, but they should be presented with an appropriately serious tone. The article should contain anecdotes about the subject's life experience with their condition, as well as more technical information about the topic in general. Her finished product will be assessed against the rubric below.

	Fully Meeting	Meeting	Approaching	Not Meeting
Science Content	- explains cause, structure affected, symptoms or impact, treatment, prognosis	- explains most aspects, or at least mentions all	- explains some, but significant questions are unanswered	- minimal information is included
Format	- tells a coherent and interesting story - pictures contribute to story	- tells a story relevant to the topic - pictures are related to story	- story is loosely related to topic - pictures are loosely linked to story	- no coherent story is told - no pictures included
Writing Conventions	- unit vocabulary is used correctly and frequently - purposeful and relevant to audience	- unit vocabulary is used occasionally - appropriate to audience	- unit vocabulary is not used accurately - not adequately adapted to audience	- unit vocabulary is not used - not adapted to audience