Name Period #

-The Geologic Times Newspaper-

Due Monday 3/31

This just in, the local Geologic Times Newspaper is looking for some young creative writers to write some articles in their very first edition. The editor is assigning each student to write a thought provoking article about one of the thirteen major geologic time periods. The article should be very informative, well written, and creative. The length of the article should be at least four full paragraphs long and be well organized and formatted. Write your article as though you are reporting directly from the scene, living through the events that occur during the time period you are describing. The readers are interested to know an abundance of information that should include the following:

* The absolute age and duration of the time period.
* The species that lived during the time period.
* The climate on Earth During the time period.
* The landscape and geography of the continents on Earth during the time period.
* The index fossils that connect to this time period.
* A map, pictures, and diagrams that show the species, landscape, and geography.

Geologic Time Period:

Precambrian

Cambrian

Ordovician

Silurian

Devonian

Mississippian

Pennsylvanian

Permian

Triassic

Jurassic

Cretaceous

Tertiary

Quaternary

Name Geologic Time Period

Rubric-

4 Excellent- Exceeds expectations

3 Good- Meets expectations

2 OK- Needs more detail

1 Not Quite- below expectations

0 Not included

Required Elements- These elements are either there or not.

Included Not Included

Length (4+ paragraphs)- 4 0

Species (3+ species)- 4 0

Climate (Tropical/Temperate)- 4 0

Geography (Continents location)- 4 0

Care and Craftsmanship- The quality of these elements can be rated on a scale.

Writing- Excellent Good OK Not Quite Not included

* Quality: 4 3 2 1 0
* Voice (Reporter): 4 3 2 1 0
* References: 4 3 2 1 0

Graphics-

* Pictures: 4 3 2 1 0
* Map: 4 3 2 1 0
* Layout/Format: 4 3 2 1 0

Total Score \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/40