## How It Came To Be

Choose a specific landform in South America.
Write a myth or legend explaining how this landform came to be.

Use the checklist below to help you during the writing process.

## **Checklist:**

☐ Establish the narrator as one from an ancient South American civilization (Olmec, Mayan, Aztec, or Incan).	
$\square$ Organize your writing in sensible fashion that allows the story to unfold naturall	y.
☐ Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, sensory language, and dialogue to convey experiences and events.	
$\square$ Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence.	
☐ Vary sentence structure by expanding, combining, and/or reducing sentences for meaning, interest, and style.	or
☐ Use the rubric to edit your writing.	



## Narrative Writing

Points Possible	Requirement	Points Earned				
	<u>IDEAS</u>					
	lacktriangle My story makes sense, is interesting, and answers the prompt completely					
	with a real or imagined story.					
	lacktriangle The characters, setting, and plot are clearly described in a logical manner by					
	the narrator using various transitions to show sequence.					
	lacksquare I used narrative techniques such as dialogue, pacing, and descriptions in order					
	to develop experiences, events, and characters.					
	<u>Organization</u>					
	lacktriangle There is a clear beginning, middle, and end (conclusion).					
	☐ I organized my writing into paragraphs.					
<u>Voice</u>						
	lacktriangle My story will leave the audience with strong feelings and/or emotions (they will					
	understand why this story was important for me to tell).					
	☐ I used the same style of narration throughout the story.					
Word Choice						
	lacktriangledown I used a variety of adjectives, & adverbs to make my writing more interesting.					
Sentence Fluency						
	☐ My writing sounds perfect when I read aloud.					
	I used different types of sentences throughout my writing.					
Conventions						
	☐ I used correct capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and spelling.					
	<u>Presentation</u>					
	☐ The presentation of the text enhances the message.					

Writing Process									
Pre-Write Draft Revise Edit Publish									
Editing	✓	Date	Teacher / Student Conference						
Self-Edit: I have used the checklist/rubric to			Yes Teacher Initials	No					
edit my work. Peer-Edit:			reacher Initials	Date					
used the checklist/rubricto edit my writing.			Revision	Decision					

Teacher Co	mments
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