

Middle School "Closed Door" Essay Rubric

Question: To what degree do you believe Tokugawa Japan was a "closed country"?

0-2=developing; 3-4=meets expectations; 5=exceeds expectations

Essay Rubric				
	0-2	3-4	5	Earned/Possible
Thesis and Conclusion	Does not include a topic or a concluding sentence, or, if included, they are vague and non-specific.	Includes a thesis and conclusion, but may either be vague/unclear or not answer the guiding question.	Includes a clearly stated and specific thesis (topic sentence) and concluding sentence that answers the question.	

