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Period: _____

VIRUS ESSAY RUBRIC

Assessment Categories	5 = Exceptional (WOW!)	4 = Advanced	3 = Proficient	2 = Developing	1 = Beginning
<i>Stance</i>	Clearly and analytically states your position, either living or non, and includes 2 or more pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that supports your position.	Clearly and analytically states your position, either living or non, and includes 1 piece of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that supports your position	Clearly and analytically states your position, either living or non, but does not include any pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that supports your position.	Your position is non committal, although at least 1 piece of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) is used that supports your position.	Your position is implied and does not include any pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that supports your position.
<i>Connection to living things</i>	Connects all 5 characteristics of living things and how they relate to a virus.	Connects all 4 characteristics of living things and how they relate to a virus.	Connects all 3 characteristics of living things and how they relate to a virus.	Connects all 2 characteristics of living things and how they relate to a virus.	Connects only 1 characteristic of living things and how they relate to a virus.
<i>Support</i>	All background information from other sources is cited, while the writer's authentic opinion is used to expand upon cited info and original ideas are evident.	All background information from other sources is cited, while the writer's authentic opinion is used to expand upon cited info.	All background information from other sources is cited, but the writer's opinion is not used to further elaborate	Information is not cited, but the writer's authentic opinion is used to expand upon cited info.	Information is not cited and the writer did not use their opinion to support their stance

TOTAL: /15