You have the opportunity to be on the grading end of a NJ BCT essay. Take this opportunity to really see how they will grade the essay, and why they will give it that specific grade.

**Activity: Grading the Essays**

The essays for the NJ BCT are graded like this…

1. The essays are graded by 2 different people.
   1. The grades are on a scale of 1 – 4
   2. The two different grades are added together
2. The combined score is then multiplied by 1.5 to receive its final grade
   1. The final grades for each essay is between 3 and 12.

For today, we are going to try to follow the format of the BCT as much as possible. Once you receive someone else’s essay, use the rubric below to grade it.

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| 4 Point Essay | 3 Point Essay | 2 Point Essay | 1 Point Essay |
| Describes the pros and cons of both spray by using extensive evidence  Explains the most cost effective spray for Owdijtown using the available data  Gives a through recommendation based on the data presented | Describes the pros and cons while using a little data to support their ideas  Explains the most cost effective option referring to the data  Gives a recommendation based on the data given | Lists the pros and cons for each spray with no supportive evidence  Gives a cost effective assessment with no supportive evidence  Gives a recommendation with no supportive data | Does not include pros and cons for both sprays  Does not provide a recommendation to what is most cost effective for the town  Does not provide a recommendation for the town |