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|  | **4**  **Exceeds Expectations**  Demonstrates with mastery  (exceeds) | **3**  **Meets Expectations**  Independently demonstrates  (meets) | **2**  **Approaching Expectations**  Demonstrates with support  (progressing) | **1**  **Does Not Meet Expectations**  Not demonstrated at this time  (area of concern) |
| **Recognizes that geography affects how people live in the Western Hemisphere** | Evaluates how geography impacts economies, cultures and affects how people live in the United States, Canada, and Latin America | Consistently recognizes that geography impacts economies, cultures and affects how people live in the United States, Canada, and Latin America | Demonstrates a partial understanding that geography impacts economies, cultures and affects how people live in the United States, Canada, and Latin America | Reflects minimal or no understanding of how geography impacts economies, cultures and affects how people live in the United States, Canada, and Latin America |
| **Identifies and compares governmental structures of the Western Hemisphere** | Evaluates differences among various governmental structures and features in the United States, Canada, and some Latin American countries | Consistently identifies, compares, and contrasts various governmental structures in the United States, Canada, and some Latin American countries | Demonstrates a partial understanding of how governmental structures in the United States, Canada, and some Latin American countries differ | Reflects minimal or no identification of governmental structures of governmental structures in the United States, Canada, and some Latin American countries |
| **Demonstrates an awareness of how historical events impacted the growth and development of the Western Hemisphere** | Evaluates and analyzes how historical events impacted the growth, development, and interdependence among Western Hemisphere nations | Consistently identifies how historical events impacted the growth, development, and interdependence among Western Hemisphere nations | Demonstrates a partial understanding of how historical events impacted the growth and development of the Western Hemisphere | Reflects minimal or no understanding of how historical events have impacted the growth and development of the Western Hemisphere |