Name: Activity : **35, AQ #1**

Date: Period:

**EVIDENCE & TRADE-OFFS (DISADVANTAGES) ABOUT: Choosing a Building Site**

Question:

**Where do you think Boomtown should build new housing – on Green Hill, the Delta Wetlands, or Seaside Cliff? Describe the evidence that you used to make your decision and how you weighed the advantages and disadvantages of each location.**

**Include:**

1. An **introduction** to the situation in Boomtown about where to build

2. Your **decision** about your opinion of the best place to build (that’s based on evidence)

3. At least **three paragraphs** about evidence you’re using to make your choice. Each paragraph needs to thoroughly explain a different piece of evidence. **TWO PARAGRAPHS MUST FOCUS ON A GEOLOGY-RELATED ARGUMENT**.

4. Two paragraphs explaining alternate building locations someone might choose and why (these are the **trade-offs** of your decision).

5. A **concluding paragraph** that rebuts the alternative location and sums up your choice and your evidence.

*(Use additional paper if necessary)*

**There is a lot of discussion about the issue of**

**My decision is that**

**My decision is based on the following evidence:**

**First,**

**Second,**

**Third,**

 **People who disagree with my decision might say that**

 **They might also say that**

**Or they might say that**

**To those people that disagree, I would respond by explaining to them that**

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| **SEP #7:  Engaging in Argument from Evidence** |
| ***1 – Developing Proficiency*** | ***2 – Close to Proficient*** | ***3 – Proficient*** | ***4 – Highly Proficient*** |
| Argument is significantly incomplete or inaccurate.  | Argument is almost there, but lacks:* Introduction that briefly describes the 3 building sites, (just lists them).
* At least three pieces of accurate and specific evidence/data that support your decision, or didn’t include at least two geology-related ideas.
* At least two trade- offs discussed accurately and specifically, with data.
 | Argument is complete and correct, including:* Introduction that briefly describes (not just lists)  the 3 building site options.
* At least three pieces of accurate and specific evidence/data  that support your decision, two of which are geology-related.
* Specific comparisons to other building sites (recommended to include)
* At least two trade- offs discussed accurately and specifically, with data.
 | Argument goes above and beyond in some significant way, such as:* Proposing and describing multiple recommendations for how this building site can be designed better (this would be an additional paragraph or two)
* Including diagrams or other visual aids to clarify your ideas
* Including outside cited research on topics to back up evidence presented in textbook.  Citations must include the name of the organization, the website address, and the date you got the information.
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| Self-Assessment Score: | Reasoning: |
| Teacher Assessment: | Comments: |