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| Coverage of issues & information | Includes the following:  
  - Definition of terrorism accepted by NCTC  
  - Definitions and at least two examples for each type of terrorism committed by states  
    - State  
    - State-sponsored  
    - War  
  - Describe the three R’s of terrorism  
  - Explain how terrorists could acquire NEM  
  - Explain the three ways terrorists could acquire nuclear weapons and indicate which strategy is most likely  
  - Discuss how terrorists could transport a nuclear weapon into the US | 25%   | High     |
| Accurate use of concepts | Course concepts from lecture and readings are employed clearly, accurately, and with a sufficient level of detail (i.e., quantified)  
Accurate definitions for key terms (e.g. terrorism, NEM) | 15%   | High     |
| Explanation & argument  | No bias or personal opinion expressed  
Rationale for expert analysis is communicated clearly and convincingly  
Includes the following sections, as described in the BLUF (bottom line up front) organized document:  
1. Introduction  
2. Background  
3. Substantiation  
4. Outlook | 15%   | High     |
| Professional style | Written in a BLUF style: most important information first  
Geared toward presidential administration and policymakers  
Congruent with ICTC report style: text is clear, concise, organized; uses a tone appropriate to writing situation  
Comprehensive and thoughtful use of sources, including course slides, *What Terrorists Want*, and other sources (former two must be cited)  
○ Source info cited according to “Conformity to Conventions” section of rubric  
○ Most of report is in writer’s own words | 20%  
| | High  
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| | Low |
| Conformity to conventions | In accordance with the BLUF style, the first sentence of each paragraph should be bold  
Appropriate title, centered, in 16-point bold font  
Section headings are left-aligned in 14-point bold font  
The report should be between 2.5-3 pages  
Header, date, and page numbers in correct format  
12-point Times New Roman font throughout (including page numbers)  
1.25" side margins and 1" top margins and .5" bottom margins.  
Key terms bold and acronyms written fully in first use  
Cite course slides as (20p280 Terrorism, slide ##)  
Cite *What Terrorists Want* as (Richardson, page ##)  
Use APA parenthetical in-text citations for any other sources  
No bibliography included | 10%  
| | High  
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