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Date _____

The Earth-Moon-Sun System--A Letter

To show your understanding of the Earth-Moon-Sun System, choose one member of this system and write a letter to another. Be sure to include information about the third. For example, the Sun may write the Moon and include information about the Earth. Give your letter writer personality and explain the Earth-Moon-Sun interactions from their unique perspective. Include at least 6 vocabulary words, one of which MUST be GRAVITY.

Area	D Does not Meet Expectations	C Partially Meets Expectations	B Meets Expectations	A Exceeds Expectations
Science Content	The letter lacks information and shows that you do not understand the interactions between the Earth, the Moon and the Sun, or shows consistent misunderstanding.	The letter shows correct understanding but lacks details about the interactions between the Earth, the Moon and the Sun, or shows minor misunderstanding.	The letter includes appropriate and detailed information about the interactions between the Earth, the Moon and the Sun that indicate understanding	The letter includes thorough and detailed information about the interactions between the Earth, the Moon and the Sun that indicate very strong understanding
Use of Science Vocabulary	The letter does not include enough vocabulary to show understanding, or the letter uses the terms incorrectly.	The letter includes some relevant vocabulary but needs more to show understanding.	The letter consistently uses science vocabulary appropriately	The letter uses extensive and appropriate science vocabulary throughout
Writing Fluency	Writing flow and errors in sentence structure make the letter difficult to understand	Writing flow and errors in sentence structure distract the reader	The sentence structure is correct and the flow of writing is smooth	The sentence structure, flow and style of writing are distinguished.
Conventions	Spelling, capitalization, and punctuation errors make the letter difficult to understand	Spelling, capitalization, and punctuation errors distract the reader	The spelling, capitalization, and punctuation are mostly correct.	The spelling, capitalization, and punctuation are distinguished.

LETTER FROM THE MOON TO EARTH

Letter From the Moon to Earth: Organizer

Sender's address:

Today's date:

Recipient's name and address:

Salutation,

Body of letter (one to three paragraphs):
Facts about the Moon and why it is important:

Salutation,

Signature: