

## Mini-Essay #2 Assignment Sheet

### Overview of assignment:

Read the assigned article: *Link Identified Between Continental Break-up, Volcanic Carbon Emissions, and Evolution* (Geochemical News, 7/25/17), and write a 1.5 to 2 page Mini-Essay on some aspect of the article. The objective of this writing assignment is to employ excellent writing mechanics and style, and to compose a brief, easily readable essay.

**Assignment Due Date:** September 7 (Thursday)

### Instructions:

1. Read over the Mini-Essay writing rubric to familiarize yourself with the criteria that will be used to evaluate the essay.
2. Read over the Mini-Essay grading template to see how points will be distributed among the different assessment criteria.
3. Read the assigned article and compose a mini-essay on some aspect of the article. The essay need not be a strict summary of the article – feel free to take literary license, as long as your essay is well written.
4. You must use 11 pt (PC) or 12 pt (Mac) font.
5. Text must be double-spaced.
6. You must number the pages.
7. Give your essay a title, and put your name, the date, the assignment type and the course # in the header.
8. You *must* underline the topic sentence of EACH paragraph!
9. You *must not* exceed the page limit!
10. This essay will be reviewed by one of your classroom peers!