**Performance Assessment A**

**Directions:**

While watching the news, you learn that a local wetland may be destroyed if a new X-Mart builds a store there. Write a persuasive letter to the mayor of your town that explains what a wetland is and why this wetland is important to the watershed system. Your letter should aim to convince the mayor to stop the plans for destroying the wetland to build the X-Mart.

**Performance Assessment B**

This is a RAFT assessment: **Role** of the writer

**Audience** to whom the product is directed

**Format** of product being created

**Topic** of product

The RAFTs below are suggested ideas:

**Role:** student volunteer in a local nature center

**Audience:** visitors to the nature center

**Format:** poster presentation about adaptations of a local aquatic organism that is on display, such as a salamander, fish, or snake

**Topic:** adaptations of the organism and how they help it to survive in its habitat

**Role:** yourself

**Audience:** your neighbors

**Format:** petition that includes a written explanation of how local pollution can affect a whole watershed, and a map of your watershed with counties and waterways labeled

**Topic:** protest a local paint company releasing pollutants into a river in your watershed

**Fresh Water for Sale!**

**Directions:** Imagine that you are an advertising executive. A new product―FRESH WATER—has been released and it is your job to inform the public about the product and make it sound appealing to customers.

Review your notes, worksheets, and labs from this unit as you consider how to sell fresh water. Your task is to create an advertisement explaining the properties of water, where fresh water is found, and why fresh water is important. Your audience is the board of directors for a company that bottles water. Remember, you are trying to sell your product in your advertisement. Your ad can be in the form of a poster, a 2–3 minute video, or a PowerPoint presentation. Be sure to include diagrams or pictures that illustrate the properties of water.