**Editing Skills Test Key**

**Part I: Technical Editing**

**Joseph Kony and the Lord’s Resistance Army**

The Lord’s Resistance Army, or L.R.A., is one of the longest running and most violent armed groups in Africa. The U.S. State Department reports ~~that~~ it has been active since 1986, (EITHER SPLIT IN TWO OR ADD WORD “when”) it was formed in northern Uganda to fight Uganda’s government. It has a sordid and violent history (REWORK HERE) including the forcible recruitment of over 66,000 children for both sex slaves and child soldiers. The longevity and continued activity of the Lord’s Resistance Army can be attributed to its leader, Joseph Kony.

The L.R.A. was created ~~due~~ in part due to the Holy Spirit Movement, (comma) which was founded in the 1980’s to represent the Acholi people of northern Uganda. Kony founded the L.R.A. (first use of abbreviation should not be here; period) in order to combat Uganda’s government, (comma) headed by President Yoweri Museveni.

The L.R.A. has never been a popular movement, it has never had the support of the citizenry in the countries in which it operates (blanket statement). Although it was created in Uganda, it has operated in the Central African Republic, Southern Sudan~~,~~ and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The supposed mandate of the L.R.A. when it was conceived was to create a theocratic ~~style~~ state in Uganda based on the 10 Commandments of the Bible.

According to a report by The Guardian, the armed status of the L.R.A. has been reduced significantly ~~to an almost insignificant amount, the Guardian reported~~ after the group was ~~being~~ chased across the Nile in 2005. ~~the L.R.A has maybe around a few hundred fighters~~ (cite source or delete).

Kony has been able to maintain control of the L.R.A. through a blend of fear, death~~,~~ and mysticism. Kony to this day states that he is a medium of spirits and is able to communicate with them. A report by Lt. Col. Richard W. Skow detailed the spiritual beliefs of the L.R.A. and the elaborate methods ~~that~~ Kony went through in order to maintain his aura of control and mysticism over his troops.

(New paragraph) “To start the possession Kony would dip his fingers into a clear glass of water. Multiple spirits would pass through Kony in a single session. On average at least three spirits would talk in a session,” Skow reported.

According to ~~in~~ the report, (comma) which was published in The Independent, ~~and also stated in Lt. Col Skow’s report~~, Kony put on extensive performances in which ~~where~~ he would be “possessed” by 13 different spirits of all ethnic backgrounds.

The destruction and poverty that the L.R.A. has contributed and caused is extensive. ~~24.5%~~ (Do not start sentence with a numeral, spell out percent) Twenty four and a half percent of Uganda’s citizen’s fall below the poverty line according to the CIA World Factbook. The two-decade-long conflict with the L.R.A. has displaced over a half million people in central Africa. There were reports that in late 2013 Kony was attempting to negotiate with the Central African Republic for the terms of his surrender. However, (comma)  many believe that this was merely a smokescreen so the L.R.A. could shift its base of operations to the northern parts of the Central African Republic, (comma) where ongoing tensions between Christians and Muslims would make it much more difficult for international authorities to locate him.

Joseph Kony is still at large and being hunted through the jungles of Central Africa by a host of multinational troops. Kony is directly for responsible for a multitude of atrocities and crimes against humanity. In the ongoing struggle for lasting peace and equality around the world, the plight of those suffering in Central Africa as a result Joseph Kony and the L.R.A. should and cannot be forgotten (no calls to action, change ending).

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**Part II: Editing for Content and Style**

**Reasons to Choose Article 1:**

**Reasons not to Choose Article 2:**