

Natural Sciences Senior Project WRITING (General) - Evaluation Rubric		Final Score: _____ of 600 maximum		
Presenter: _____		Title/Topic: _____		
Evaluator: _____		Date: _____		Revised 04/07/11
	Superior (A or 90-100)	Satisfactory (B or 80-90)	Barely adequate (C-D or 60-80)	Unacceptable (F or 0-60)
Basics <i>Punctuation, spelling, grammar, and sentence structure</i> Score: _____ Grading: score multiplier = 2	Free of errors in punctuation, spelling, and grammar. Language is appropriate and non-colloquial. Sentences well phrased varied in length and structure.	Few errors in punctuation, spelling, and grammar (one per page or less). Language is appropriate and non-colloquial. Sentences are well phrased varied in length and structure.	Many errors in punctuation, spelling, and grammar, sufficient to distract the reader. Language inappropriately informal. Some sentences incomplete or poorly constructed.	Many errors in punctuation, spelling, and grammar, sufficient to obscure the meaning of the text. Language appropriate and non-colloquial. Some sentences incomplete or poorly constructed.
Overall Organization: <i>Abstract, Introduction, Experimental procedure, Results/Data, Analysis/conclusion, References</i> Score: _____ Grading: score multiplier = 1	Organized as per instructions.	Organized as per instructions.	Minor deviations from instructions.	Major deviations from instructions; one or more sections missing.
Abstract Score: _____ Grading: score multiplier = 1	Summarizes the investigation, results, and conclusions in a few sentences.	Summarizes the investigation, results, and conclusions in a few sentences.	Abstract too long, or has some omissions.	Abstract missing or omits essential information.
Introduction Score: _____ Grading: score multiplier = 1	Concise discusses the purpose, theory, and method of the investigation.	Concise discusses the purpose, theory, and method of the investigation.	Some essential information missing.	Introduction missing or omits much essential information.
References and Format <i>Correctly acknowledges sources, follows typescript and formatting specifications</i> Score: _____ Grading: score multiplier = 1	Documentary sources are acknowledged in appropriate format (APS {Psych}, ACS, APS {Physics}, etc.). Internet sources are validated and acknowledged in appropriate format. Conforms to all formatting specification in the assignment. Paper is word-processed, including sub- and superscripts, arrows, equations, etc.	Documentary sources are acknowledged in appropriate format (APS {Psych}, ACS, APS {Physics}, etc.). Internet sources are validated and acknowledged in appropriate format. Conforms to all formatting specification in the assignment. Paper is word-processed, including sub- and superscripts, arrows, equations, etc.	Documentary sources are acknowledged in appropriate format (APS {Psych}, ACS, APS {Physics}, etc.). Internet sources are validated and acknowledged in appropriate format. Conforms to most formatting specification in the assignment. Paper is word-processed, but may include handwritten sub- and superscripts, arrows, equations, etc.	Documentary sources are inadequately acknowledged. Formatting specifications are not followed. Paper is handwritten or typed rather than word-processed.
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