

Kodiak's Rural Science Fair '02-'03

Scientist/Teacher Judging Criteria for an Experiment

Project #	Team or Individual

Criterion	0	1	3	5	
Question/Problem	There is no question	The question is vague and/ or too broad	The question is adequately stated	The question is clearly stated and unambiguous	
Research/Gathering of Information	There is no evidence of research	The research is not related to the question It is not clear where or how the information was gathered, though references are mentioned	•The research is related to the question • References are cited	 The research is specific to the question and will help the scientist to accurately hypothesize References are clearly cited and the reader knows exactly where the informa- tion came from 	
Hypothesis	There is no hypothesis	The hypothesis is poorly stated	The hypothesis is adequate- ly stated	The hypothesis is clearly stated and answers the question	
Experiment	The procedures and materials are not stated	The procedures are inadequately stated. It is not clear how the experiment was done The procedures do not include a control and/or test more than one variable	The procedures are stated The procedure appropriately tests the question	 The procedures are clearly stated. The reader knows exactly what and how the experiment was done The procedures appropriately test the question, and include a control and test one variable at a time 	

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Data	• There is no data	 The data is disorganized. It is difficult for the reader the understand the results Data was collected, but is not enough for conclusive results 	 The data is organized and tells the reader what happened Enough data was collected to make adequate conclusions 	 The data is overtly organized and displayed in a variety of ways There is enough data for conclusive results
Conclusions	There is no conclusion	 No connection is made between the question, hypothesis, and data collected A vague reference has been made as to how this project could be improved or expanded 	 Conclusions are clearly stated An adequate description is made as to how this project could be improved or expanded 	 The student has made insightful connections between the question, hypothesis, and the data collected Details have been given as to how this project could be improved or expanded
Appearance	There is no refer- ence made as to how the project could be improved	More work is needed to make the display neat	•The information is displayed clearly and neatly	•The project commands attention and is extremely neat and easy to read
Presentation	The student did not share his/her project orally	A few are used, but may not be useful or accurate	•The student is able to communicate effectively his/her understanding of the investigation in an oral presentation	The student shows a depth of understanding of the investigation and was able to share that in his/her oral presentation and while answering specific questions from judges

Judge's comments/suggestions:			