	Minimal (MI)	Basic (BA)	Proficient (PR)	Advanced (AD)
	The student performs far below grade-level expectations on standards as demonstrated by a body of evidence that shows limited understanding and application of grade-level concepts	The student performs just below grade-level expectations on standards as demonstrated by a body of evidence that shows incomplete/inconsistent understanding and application of grade level concepts	The student consistently meets grade-level expectations on standards as demonstrated by a body of evidence that shows independent understanding and application of grade-level concepts.	The student consistently exceeds grade- level expectations on standards as demonstrated by a body of evidence that shows depth of understanding and flexible application of grade-level concepts.
	Does not make a claim, or makes an inaccurate claim	Makes an accurate but incomplete claim	Makes an accurate and complete claim	Makes an accurate and complete claim
Science Content	Does not provide evidence, or only provides inappropriate evidence (evidence that does not support claim) Does not provide reasoning, or only provides reasoning that does not link evidence to claim	Provides appropriate but insufficient evidence to support claim. May include some inappropriate evidence Provides reasoning that links the claim and evidence. Repeats the evidence and/or includes some-but not sufficient scientific principles	Provides appropriate and sufficient evidence to support claim Provides reasoning that links evidence to claim. Includes appropriate and sufficient scientific principles	Provides multiple pieces of evidence beyond grade-level standard to support claim Provides reasoning beyond grade-level standard that links evidence to claim. Includes appropriate and sufficient scientific principles
Format	Paper excludes essential components and/or does not address the requirements indicated in the instructions. Many parts of the assignment are addressed inadequately or not at all.	Paper is missing one component and/or does not fully meet the requirements indicated in the instructions. Some questions/parts are not addressed.	Paper includes all 3 components and meets requirements indicated in the instructions. Each question/part is addressed.	Paper includes all components and meets or exceeds all requirements indicated in the instructions. Each question/part is thoroughly addressed.
	Word choice is unclear and imprecise	Word choice is somewhat clear and precise	Word choice is generally clear & precise	Word choice is clear and precise Content-specific vocabulary
Language	No variety in sentence structure	Little variety in sentence structure	Some variety in sentence structure	Varied sentence structure
	Language errors significantly prevent reader's understanding of the author's response	Language errors impede reader's understanding of the author's response	Minor language errors slightly impede reader's understanding of the author's response	Language errors do not impede reader's understanding of the author's response

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