The Great Bean Race Project Rubric

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Understand Plant Growth • Understand the features and processes of plant growth	I accurately identify and explain in detail all of the necessary conditions for plant growth.	I identify and explain the necessary conditions for plant growth.	I explain the necessary conditions for plant growth with some errors.	I explain the necessary conditions for plant growth with many errors.
	I describe the complete life cycle of plants in detail.	I describe the life cycle of plants.	I describe the life cycle of plants but leave out some important information.	I describe the life cycle of plants inaccurately, leaving out important information.
	I make many informed inferences about the role of plants in the environment.	I make some informed inferences about the role of plants in the environment.	I make some informed inferences and some incorrect inferences about the role of plants in the environment.	I make only incorrect inferences about the role of plants in the environment.
Design and Conduct an Experiment	I develop a testable hypothesis.	I develop a hypothesis.	I develop a hypothesis with some assistance.	I develop a hypothesis with a great deal of assistance.
Hypothesize, plan, and carry out experiments	I plan an experiment that can prove or disprove the hypothesis.	I plan an experiment that tests the hypothesis.	I plan an experiment that tests the hypothesis with some assistance.	I plan an experiment that tests the hypothesis with a great deal of assistance.
	I successfully carry out an experiment that controls all variables.	I carry out an experiment that controls some variables.	I carry out an experiment that controls variables with some assistance. I observe, measure, and record change	and record change
Organize evidence of change over time	I always observe, measure, and record change over time with	I usually observe, measure, and record change over time with accuracy.	over time with some errors.	over time with lots of errors.

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Analyze Results and Draw Conclusions • Analyze and report conclusions of experiments	I successfully draw several conclusions based on evidence. I communicate ideas clearly and concisely.	I draw some conclusions based on evidence. I communicate ideas clearly.	I draw some conclusions that are not based on evidence. I communicate ideas but some ideas may be unclear.	I do not draw conclusions. I do not communicate ideas clearly.
 Compare prior knowledge to the results of a scientific investigation Develop models (illustrations and charts) to explain how objects, events, and/or processes work 	I consider additional variables when comparing findings with others to determine the best conditions for growing plants. I compare what I learned about plants to the results of the experiment and describe new learning in detail. I develop detailed models (illustrations and charts) with correct labeling to explain how plants grow.	I compare findings with others to determine the best conditions for growing plants. I compare what I learned about plants to the results of the experiment and describe new learning. I develop models (illustrations and charts) with correct labeling to explain how plants grow.	I compare findings with others but have difficulty determining the best conditions for growing plants. I compare what I learned about plants to the results of the experiment, but the comparison is confusing or inaccurate. I develop models (illustrations and charts) with labeling to explain how plants grow, but some elements are missing or incorrect.	I do not compare findings or cannot determine the best conditions for growing plants. I do not compare what I learned about plants to the results of the experiment. I develop models (illustrations and charts) with labeling to explain how plants grow, but most elements are missing or incorrect.

Manage a Project • Complete all components of the project	I independently and successfully complete all parts of the project.	I independently complete all parts of the project.	I complete all parts of the project with assistance, or independently complete some of the project.	I complete only part of the project and require a great deal of assistance.
Choose effective processes that lead to the successful completion of a project	I choose helpful processes. I use timelines, ask for feedback, develop and follow a plan, and monitor and adjust as needed.	I choose some helpful processes. I use timelines, ask for feedback, develop and follow a plan, and monitor and adjust as needed.	I choose some helpful processes with assistance. I use timelines, ask for feedback, develop and follow a plan, and monitor and adjust as needed.	I do not choose helpful processes.
Work cooperatively with others in a group	I work cooperatively and provide leadership in a group.	I work cooperatively in a group.	I work cooperatively in a group some of the time.	I fail to work cooperatively in a group.