

Journal Rubric

Criteria	Description
Permanence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Journal is written in a composition notebook.• All notes, labs, and in-class writing assignments are neatly stapled or taped into journal on a page that corresponds with the date of the work.
Legibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handwriting is easy to read, and data are recorded in ink.• Journal entries include enough blank space that additional notes may be added.
Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each entry begins with the date and textbook title for the activity.• Journal is written chronologically.• Each new activity starts at the top of a new page.• You have boxed questions, so that you may ask them later.
Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All assignments were completed on time.
Observations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Journal entries are neat records, with data and observations clearly recorded at the time of experimentation.• Data tables, units of measurement, and drawings are frequently used to clarify records.
Accuracy and Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Observations are descriptive and to the point.• Drawings are included wherever appropriate.• Anyone who reads this journal could tell the difference between the author's actual observations and his or her ideas and speculations about what was observed.• Notes are written clearly and organized so the author will still be able to understand them weeks or even months later.• Answers to questions and essays are all written in the author's own words, in complete sentences, and are well reasoned.• Accurate information is given, specific evidence is used to support responses at least 3/4 of the time, and the sources of the evidence are cited where appropriate.

The rubric used to grade your journal will be similar to this:

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Criteria	Score (5 meets all criteria)	Comments
Permanence and Legibility	1 to 5 points	
Format	1 to 5 points	
Deadlines	1 to 5 points	
Observations, Accuracy and Communication	1 to 5 points	

Total Score: 20 points Maximum