A Sample Rubric to Use to Assess Nature Journals

Criteria	Below Standard	Approaching Standard	At Standard	Above Standard	Comments
Context	Unclear,	Includes most of	Includes all of	Specifically and	
Date	incomplete or	the required	the required	clearly	
• Time	missing	parts.	parts.	addresses all of	
• Location	context.	pui us.	Includes some	the required	
Weather			details.	parts.	
Written	Unclear,	Somewhat clear	Clear and	Rich, clear, and	
Observations	incomplete or	and accurate	accurate	accurate	
• Qualitative	missing written	descriptions.	descriptions.	descriptions.	
• Quantative	observations.	Includes some of	Includes all of	Includes all of	
o Hear	observations.	the required	the required	the required	
o Smell		parts.	parts.	parts.	
o Feel*		parts.	parts.	parts.	
O Tech					
Ouantitative					
o Count					
o Measure					
O Micasure					
* Safety first!					
Drawing(s)	Unclear,	Drawings may be	Accurate	Accurate,	
Big Picture	incomplete or	unclear or	drawings.	detailed, clear	
Views	missing	inaccurate in	Includes all of	drawings.	
 Close Up 	drawings.	parts. Includes	the required	Includes all of	
Magnified		some but maybe	parts.	the required	
Views		not all of		parts.	
• Color		required parts.			
• Labels					
Reflections	Unclear,	Somewhat clear	Clear	Well developed	
 Connections 	incomplete or	reflections.	reflections.	and clear.	
 Surprises 	missing	Includes some	Includes all	Includes all	
 Feelings 	reflections.	but maybe not all	required	required parts.	
 Wonderings 		of the required	parts.		
		parts.			