

## A Sample Rubric to Use to Assess Nature Journals

Criteria	Below Standard	Approaching Standard	At Standard	Above Standard	Comments
<b>Context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date</li> <li>• Time</li> <li>• Location</li> <li>• Weather</li> </ul>	Unclear, incomplete or missing context.	Includes most of the required parts.	Includes all of the required parts. Includes some details.	Specifically and clearly addresses all of the required parts.	
<b>Written Observations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualitative               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ See</li> <li>○ Hear</li> <li>○ Smell</li> <li>○ Feel*</li> <li>○ Taste*</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Quantitative               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Count</li> <li>○ Measure</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>* Safety first!</p>	Unclear, incomplete or missing written observations.	Somewhat clear and accurate descriptions. Includes some of the required parts.	Clear and accurate descriptions. Includes all of the required parts.	Rich, clear, and accurate descriptions. Includes all of the required parts.	
<b>Drawing(s)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Picture Views</li> <li>• Close Up Magnified Views</li> <li>• Color</li> <li>• Labels</li> </ul>	Unclear, incomplete or missing drawings.	Drawings may be unclear or inaccurate in parts. Includes some but maybe not all of required parts.	Accurate drawings. Includes all of the required parts.	Accurate, detailed, clear drawings. Includes all of the required parts.	
<b>Reflections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connections</li> <li>• Surprises</li> <li>• Feelings</li> <li>• Wonderings</li> </ul>	Unclear, incomplete or missing reflections.	Somewhat clear reflections. Includes some but maybe not all of the required parts.	Clear reflections. Includes all required parts.	Well developed and clear. Includes all required parts.	