

## Grading Rubric for Homework Assignments

Most homework assignments will be listed on the chapter syllabus posted on the Science Department home page. Others will be assigned in class. I will use the following guidelines to grade your homework. Simple daily homework assignments are usually worth 5 to 10 points.

<b>Heading</b>	Format the heading with your name, class, assignment number, date due, and date turned in if late.
<b>Completeness</b>	Deduct two points for each question not answered.
<b>Accuracy</b>	To earn credit answers should reflect an understanding of the content and concepts of the assigned material.
<b>Punctuality</b>	Deduct one point for each school day late, beginning with the day the assignment is due.
<b>Legibility</b>	Illegible work will be returned ungraded and considered late.
<b>Plagiarism</b>	Assignments with material copied from the book or from other students will receive a grade of zero.
<b>Other</b>	Use pencil or blue or black ink. Do not use paper from a spiral notebook.

## Grading Rubric for Article Summaries

You will have several articles to summarize each quarter. I will use the following guidelines to grade these summaries. Article summaries are usually worth 15 to 25 points each.

<b>Heading</b>	Format the heading with your name, class name, date due and date turned in if late.	1
<b>Citation</b>	Heading followed by complete bibliographic citation including title, author, date, and source.	5
<b>Summary</b>	A description of the article in your own words. Include author's thesis, major points and examples.	10
<b>Evaluation</b>	A brief statement of your response to the article including an explanation using examples.	5
<b>Mechanics</b>	Assignment should be written with complete sentences, correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.	4
<b>Legibility</b>	All summaries must be typed or word-processed. Hand written work will not be accepted.	
<b>Plagiarism</b>	Work copied from the article or other students will receive a grade of zero. Keep quotes to a bare minimum.	
<b>Punctuality</b>	Deduct one letter grade (2 points) for each school day late, beginning with the due date.	

## Grading Rubric for Lab Reports

After each lab you will be required to write a lab report. Although you will work with lab partners, your lab report must be in your own words. I will use the following guidelines to grade these reports. Lab reports are usually worth 40 points.

<b>Title Page</b>	Format with your name, lab partners, class name, lab title, date due and date turned in if late.	1
<b>Introduction</b>	Contains a brief description of the experiment, your hypothesis, and major conclusions	4
<b>Methods</b>	Contains a brief and accurate outline of the procedures you used in the experiment	4
<b>Materials</b>	A list of all the equipment, chemicals, and any other materials used to conduct the experiment	2
<b>Results</b>	Tables and graphs of your group results and the class results where appropriate. Avoid conclusions.	15
<b>Conclusion</b>	Evaluate your initial hypothesis using class data. Include answers to assigned questions.	10
<b>Mechanics</b>	Report should be written in complete sentences, correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.	4
<b>Legibility</b>	All lab reports must be typed or word-processed. Hand written work will not be accepted	
<b>Plagiarism</b>	Work copied from other students or other sources will receive a grade of zero	
<b>Punctuality</b>	Deduct one letter grade (4 points) for each school day late, beginning with the due date	