

Space: The Future Frontier Project Rubric

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Statement of Claim	Accurately creates a claim that clearly and directly answers the prompt and does not confuse the claim with other information.	Accurately creates a claim that answers the prompt, but may confuse the claim with other information.	Claim is somewhat unclear in how it answers the prompt and may mistakenly include information that does not require support.	Fails to create a claim that directly answers the prompt. Identifies information that does not require support.
Explanation of Claim	Explanation of claim specifically provides detailed information on the level of support the space program should have.	Explanation of claim provides a brief amount of information on the level of support the space program should have.	Explanation of claim provides vague information on the level of support the space program should have.	Explanation of claim provides no information on the level of support the space program should have.
Analysis of Evidence	Analysis shows sophisticated understanding of how evidence relates to and supports or opposes claim. Rationale of support/non-support reflects deep understanding.	Analysis shows basic understanding of how evidence supports or opposes the claim. Rationale of support/non-support may not reflect depth of understanding.	Analysis shows vague understanding of how evidence relates to the claim. Rationale of support/non-support reflects a superficial understanding.	Analysis shows understanding of evidence/ claim relationship is non-existent or inconsistent. Rationale does not support rating.
Recommendations	Recommendation includes 4 or more strong reasons that reflect well-developed understanding of depth and/or complexity of the future of the space program based upon evidence gathered. Conclusion is clearly related to claim.	Recommendation includes 3 reasons that reflect adequate understanding of the future of the space program based upon evidence gathered. Conclusion is clearly related to claim.	Recommendation includes 1 -2 reasons that reflect basic understanding of the future of the space program based upon evidence gathered. Conclusion is not clearly related to claim.	Recommendation is not related to claim and/or does not show relationship between claim and evidence. No understanding of the future of the space program is evident.
Presentation	Shows awareness of the audience and anticipates important concerns. Maintains consistent persuasive tone throughout.	Shows awareness of audience and anticipates most concerns. Demonstrates a persuasive tone.	Reflects little awareness of audience and fails to anticipate most concerns. Lacks consistent persuasive tone.	Reflects no awareness of audience. Language and tone is unclear
Presentation Method	Presentation tool is well chosen and enhances the message significantly.	Presentation tool is appropriate and adequately supports the message.	Presentation tool is not well-chosen as it does not help to support the message.	Choice of presentation tool is inappropriate and interferes with the message.