# Mini-Inquiry

Your completed 1 page Inquiry will include your question, 2-3 pieces of evidence gathered from scientific published works, and your claim that answers the question based on the evidence. The format is as follows:

Question:

Evideince #1:

Elaboration:

Evidence #2:

Elaboration

Evidence #3: (optional)

Elaboration

Claim:

References:

**Inquiry Question**

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| Difficulty of Content | exceeds grade appropriate knowledge requirement | meets grade appropriate knowledge requirement | approaches grade appropriate knowledge requirement | does not meet grade appropriate knowledge requirement |
| Specificity | specific and well refined | could be more specific, worded better or more refined | is not specific enough | general question is too broad |
| Synthesis | requires student synthesis of evidence from many complex sub-questions and pieces of evidence | requires student synthesis of answers to several sub-questions and pieces of evidence | requires student understanding of several pieces of evidence that have already been synthesized | only one piece of evidence is required to answer this question |

**Evidence Based Explanation & Claim:**

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| Command of Evidence | all parts of the claim are supported by specific cited evidence that is explained thoroughly | most parts of the claim are supported by specific cited evidence that is explained well | several parts of the claim are not supported by specific cited evidence that is explained | important parts of the claim are not supported by evidence |
| Coherence and Organization | groups and presents supporting evidence in a clear organized manner so that others understand and can follow | presents supporting evidence in a clear organized format so that others understand | presentation of supporting evidence is not well organized but others are still able understand and can follow | presentation of supporting evidence is not well organized and others are unable understand or follow |
| Claim | states a clear conclusion based upon linked evidence and sound thinking | states a conclusion based upon linked evidence | conclusion is not clearly stated | conclusion is not stated |

**Works Cited: (minimum 3 sources cited and referenced)**

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| MLA format | Proper MLA formatted citations and works cited. No errors | MLA format for citations and works cited (few errors) | MLA format for citations and works cited (major errors) | missing citations in the paper and/or improper format |
| Richness of Resources | Uses multiple scholarly articles and more than 3 good sources | uses one scholarly article and the other sources are good | does not use any scholarly articles but the other sources are good | does not use any scholarly articles and other sources are not good |