	SCORE = 5 PERFECT SCORE FIRST PLACE	SCORE = 4 FIRST PLACE	SCORE = 3 SECOND PLACE	SCORE = 2 THIRD PLACE	SCORE = 1 THIRD PLACE
SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT	 □ Presenter has a single, formal hypothesis. □ The presenter can identify AND explain the basic scientific concepts. □ The presenter used a unique idea or twist to formulate the experiment. 	 □ Presenter has a single, formal hypothesis. □ The presenter can identify AND explain the basic scientific concepts. □ The experimental design is limited to work dealing with the hypothesis. 	 □ Presenter has a single, formal hypothesis. □ The presenter can identify the basic scientific concepts by name but may have difficulty in explaining the concepts. □ The experimental design is limited to work dealing with the hypothesis. 	 □ Presenter attempts to frame a hypothesis or has multiple hypotheses. □ The student has difficulty identifying the basic scientific concepts and is unable to explain the concepts. □ The experimental design permits the presenter's work to occur in areas not dealing with the hypothesis. 	 □ Presenter does not have a hypothesis. □ Presenter is unable to identify the scientific concepts applying to the experiment. □ No evidence of experimental design.
EXPERIMENTAL METHODS	 □ Presenter did his/her own experiment. □ Presenter used all equipment in a safe and accepted manner AND possibly a unique way. □ Presenter had both a control group and experimental group(s). □ Control and experimental variables clearly identified. □ Sample sizes were larger than one would expect of the presenter's grade level. □ Measurements were metric 	 □ Presenter did his/her own experiment. □ Presenter conducted the experiment in a safe and accepted manner. □ Presenter had both a control group and experimental group(s). □ Control and experimental variables clearly identified. □ Sample sizes were well selected. □ Measurements were metric 	 □ Presenter did his/her own experiment. □ Presenter conducted the experiment in a safe and accepted manner. □ Presenter didn't use controls as effectively as possible. □ Control and/or experimental variables identified with some errors. □ Sample sizes were not quite acceptable or large enough. □ Measurements were metric 	 □ Presenter did not do his/her own experiment. □ Presenter did not use equipment properly or safely in all instances. □ The experiment was not done safely. □ No experimental controls were evident. □ Control and/or experimental variables not identified □ Sample sizes were not consistent. □ Measurements were metric 	 □ Presenter did not do his/her own experiment. □ Presenter did not observe any safety practices. □ Experiment samples sizes were too small. □ No experimental controls were evident. □ Variables were not identified or were absent □ The experiment was not done safely. □ Measurements were not metric

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ANALYTICAL APPROACH	 □ Conclusions drawn by the presenter are valid for the data gathered. □ Presenter can describe the errors in the data and explain why they occurred. □ Presenter can describe weaknesses in the experimental design and how to correct the weaknesses. □ Presenter knows what areas for further research exist on the current topic. □ Presenter could explain why he or she did this particular experiment. 	 □ Conclusions drawn by the presenter are valid for the data gathered. □ Presenter can describe the errors in the data. □ Presenter can describe weaknesses in the experimental design. □ Presenter can describe possible avenues for further research or application. □ Presenter could explain why he or she did this particular experiment. 	 □ Conclusions drawn by the presenter are valid for the data gathered. □ Presenter appears to be aware that data may have some errors. □ Presenter cannot describe avenues for further research □ Presenter doesn't see a reason to do the research. 	 □ Conclusions are not valid for the data gathered. □ Presenter does not see any errors in the data that exist. □ Presenter cannot describe avenues for further research. 	 □ Presenter has intentionally twisted the data to arrive at the experimental conclusions. □ Presenter appears totally unaware of the need for analysis. □ Presenter cannot describe avenues for further research.
PRESENTATION	 □ Presentation was clear. □ Transparencies were very well thought out and to the point. □ Presenter was knowledgeable and self-confident. □ Presenter RARELY looked at notes. □ Presenter's answers to the judge's questions indicated an exceptional understanding of the research topic. 	 □ Presentation was clear. □ Transparencies were understandable and enhanced the presentation. □ Presenter spoke clearly. □ Presenter referred to notes but didn't read notes. □ Presenter could answer questions to the satisfaction of the judges. 	 □ Presentation was clear. □ Transparencies were understandable. □ Presenter spoke clearly. □ Presenter referred to notes but didn't read notes. □ Presenter could answer most of the questions to the satisfaction of the judges. 	 □ Presenter was unsure of the research and his or her work. □ Transparencies were difficult to read. □ Presenter read most of the presentation from the note cards. □ Presenter could answer a few questions. □ 	 □ Presenter was totally disorganized. □ Transparencies were either absent or used without apparent reason. □ Presenter was unable to answer any questions. □ Presentation exceeds 10 minutes or is too short to be effective.
JUDGE'S OPINION	☐ The project is appropriate for a student beyond the presenter's current grade level, ability to produce quality work, procedures, depth of understanding and creativity. ☐ The presenter overcame handicaps or unusual circumstances to complete the project.	☐ The project is appropriate for a student at the presenter's current grade level, ability to produce quality work, procedures, depth of understanding and creativity.	☐ The project is appropriate for a student slightly below the presenter's current grade level, ability to produce quality work, procedures, depth of understanding and creativity.	☐ The project is appropriate for a student well below the presenter's current grade level, ability to produce quality work, procedures, depth of understanding and creativity.	☐ The entire project is inappropriate.