

FIGURE 4.1 This is an example of a rubric that could be used to assess the completion of a report on a topic in science.

RUBRIC FOR REPORT ON SCIENCE TOPIC

Title of Report: _____

Student's Name: _____

	Excellent 4	Accomplished 3	Developing 2	Needs Work 1	Score
Introduction	Gives a precise description of the report	Gives too much information	Gives some information about report	No information about what is in report	
Research	Background research and other interesting facts	Considerable background research	Evidence of some background research	No evidence of background research	
Purpose/ Problem	Addresses an issue directly related to research findings	Addresses an issue somewhat related to the research	Addresses an issue unrelated to the research	Does not address major issue in the topic	
Procedure	Steps are logical and easy to follow	Most steps understandable, but some lack detail	Some steps understandable; most confusing or lack detail	Not sequential, or confusing or missing steps	
Data & Results	Data are accurate and easy to interpret	Data are accurate but illegible characters	Minor inaccuracies in data	Inaccurate or missing data	
Conclusion	Explanation is logical and addresses most or all questions	Explanation is logical and addresses some questions	Explanation not logical but answers few questions	Explanation is not logical and leaves all questions unanswered	
Presentation	Word processed, neatly bound with illustrations	Legible writing, neatly bound with illustrations	Legible writing but print varies, papers stapled together	Illegible writing, loose pages	
Grammar & Spelling	No grammar or spelling errors	One or two grammar and spelling errors	Some grammar and spelling errors	Frequent grammar and spelling errors	
Timeliness	On time	Up to two days late	Up to one week late	More than one week late	
				TOTAL SCORE	