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Science Project Rubric—Simple Machines

Name	4-Excellent		2-Basic	1-Not Meeting
Final Project	 clearly defined the problem that your machine/invention was to overcome and identified the who, what, where and why displays strong creative thinking through the materials you chose and the way you put them together, serves a very practical and realistic purpose unique and "thinking outside the box" incorporated 5 or 6 simple machines (screw, inclined plane, wedge, lever, pulley, wheel & axle/ roller) into the final device/machine 	 clearly defined the problem that your machine/invention was to overcome and identified the who, what, where and why displays good creativity through the materials you chose and the way you put them together serves a fairly practical and realistic purpose incorporated 3 or 4 simple machines into the final device/ machine 	 has identified a problem that your machine/invention was to overcome and has identified the who, what, where and why displays some creativity through the materials you chose and the way you put them together serves a somewhat practical purpose that may or may not serve a realistic purpose incorporated 2 simple machines into the final device/ machine 	 there is no clear problem you have not identified the who, what, where and why displays little or no creativity through the materials you chose and the way you put them together the device/machine is impractical and serves no realistic purpose used only 1 simple machine in the final device/invention OR project is incomplete or no project is handed in
Final Question Sheet	 thorough, in-depth and thoughtful explanation of each question that showed an excellent overall understanding answered in complete sentences excellent editing and neatness (no spelling, punctuation, capitalization and grammar errors) 	 detailed explanation of each question that showed good overall understanding answered in mostly complete sentences good editing and neatness (only a few (1-2) errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization and grammar) 	 basic explanation and understanding of the questions that showed a general understanding answered in some complete sentences some evidence of editing and neatness (some spelling, punctuation, capitalization and grammar errors) 	 little or no explanation of each question—answers are short and lacked detail that shows little to no understanding answered in point form or no complete sentences little or no editing and neatness (lots of spelling, punctuation, capitalization and grammar errors) no question sheet was handed in
Presentation	 can explain the making and purpose of your project extremely well demonstration of your invention was successful and your invention solved the problem you identified at the beginning of the task excellent body language, volume and pace is evidenced through obvious rehearsal at home answered all questions well and was able to justify your choices 	 can explain the making and use of your project well demonstration of your project was successful and your invention solved the problem you identified at the beginning of the task OR, demonstration was not successful but you were able to clearly identify what went wrong, why it did not work and how you could fix the problem good body language, volume and pace is evidenced through obvious rehearsal at home answered most questions well and was able to justify most of your choices 	 can explain the making and use of your project well demonstration of your project was successful with only a few minor problems/glitches and your invention solved the problem you identified at the beginning of the task some attention to body language, volume and pace is evidenced answered some questions well and was able to justify some of your choices 	 can explain the making and use of your project a little bit or not at all demonstration of your project was unsuccessful and/or your invention did not solve the problem you identified at the beginning of the task poor body language, volume and pace able to answer few questions and was unable to justify your choices no presentation