

## ACE Strategy Rubric

|          | Answer Question   | Cite Evidence  | Extend Response   | Conventions   |
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| <b>3</b> |   | Provides 2 or more pieces of evidence that clearly and effectively support the claim. Avoids using evidence that was not collected from reliable sources, such as life experiences.  | Provides a clear explanation of how the evidence links to the answer supported with appropriate <i>scientific principles or historical info</i> . Logically demonstrating the link between the evidence and the answer. | <p>Has mostly correct spelling, even for more difficult words; includes occasional errors that do not detract from overall quality</p> <p>Includes correct punctuation that enhances readability; may use creative punctuation when appropriate</p> <p>Includes correct capitalization consistently and may employ more sophisticated capitalization for effect</p>                                       |
| <b>2</b> | Answers the question accurately and completely.                         | Provides 1 or 2 pieces of scientific evidence, including numbers, measurements, observations, research, etc... from specific activities. May use experiences from life but doesn't include concrete observations from those experiences. | Repeats evidence and links to the answer <i>and includes scientific principles or historical info</i> , but could use more elaboration.   | <p>Correctly spells most common grade-level words and often more difficult words</p> <p>Has punctuation that is almost always correct and guides reader through the piece</p> <p>Includes correct capitalization consistently</p>   |
| <b>1</b> | Answers the question, but it is vague or incomplete.                    | Makes general statements but does not include specific information.  | Repeats evidence, but does not make a connection to answer.   | <p>Frequently spells simple words incorrectly, although reader can still understand the meaning</p> <p>Features simple end punctuation (e.g., period, question mark, exclamation point) that is correct, but internal punctuation (e.g., comma, apostrophe, semicolon) is often missing or wrong</p> <p>Has capitalization that shows frequent errors except for proper nouns and sentence beginnings</p> |
| <b>0</b> | Does not answer the question or is off topic in answering the question. | Does not provide evidence, or only provides inappropriate evidence or vague evidence.  | Does not provide an extension or only provides an inappropriate extension.  | <p>Has frequent spelling errors, even with common words</p> <p>Uses missing or incorrect punctuation nearly all the time</p> <p>Has capitalization that is random, inconsistent, and sometimes nonexistent</p>  |

**A: 11-10**

**B: 9-7**

**C: 6-5**

**D: 4 and below**