Assessment Rubric 3: Inquiry Investigation

CRITERIA	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Initiating (Questioning and Hypothesizing)	 Asks few questions about the task; questions are vague and unfocused 	Asks simple questions which somewhat focus the investigation	 Asks questions which clarify the task and focus the investigation 	 Asks relevant, clear questions about the task
	Demonstrates limited understanding of concepts related to the task	Demonstrates some understanding of concepts related to the task	Demonstrates general understanding of concepts related to the task	 Demonstrates a solid understanding of concepts related to the task
	Unable to generate hypothese	Generates a questionable hypothesis	Generates a valid hypothesis	Generates an insightful hypothesis
Planning	Develops disorganized or unworkable procedures	Develops a partial set of simple procedures not all of which are appropriate	Develops an appropriate complete set of procedures which may lack efficiency or clarity	Develops procedures that are appropriately efficient and complete
	Identifies and controls few variables	Identifies and controls some major variables	Identifies and controls most major variables	Identifies and controls all major variables
Conducting and Recording	Follows few of the prescribed procedures	Follows some of the prescribed procedures	Follows most of the prescribed procedures	Follows all of the prescribed procedures
	Recordings are disorganized and contain major errors or omissions	 Recordings are somewhat organized and contain several major errors or omissions 	 Recordings are organized and contain few minor errors and/or omissions 	Recordings or organized efficiently and effectively with practically no errors
	Demonstrates requires skills and strategies in a limited way	Demonstrates required skills and strategies with some competence	Competently demonstrates required skills and strategies	Demonstrates required skills and strategies with a high degree of competence
	Requires constant reminders to follow safety procedures	Requires some reminders to follow safety procedures	Follows safety procedures with only occasional lapses	Routinely follows safety procedures
	Uses tools, equipment and materials with limited competence	Uses tools, equipment and materials with some competence	Competently uses tools, equipment and materials with limited competence	Uses tools, equipment and materials with a high degree of competence
	Makes few observations	Makes observations but may be insufficient to generate data	Makes sufficient observations to generate data	Makes insightful observations
	Records little data; data is irrelevant and/or inaccurate	Records data but organization is lacking; some inaccuracies	Records most relevant data in an organized way; adequate in detail and generally accurate	Records all relevant data in an organized and skillful way; accurately
	Does not modify plan	Requires prompting to modify plan	Modifies plan as necessary	Modifies the plan in insightful ways; justifies modifications