**Grading Rubric (20 point assignment)**

**Student Handout 2**

|  |  |  |  | **Point Value** |
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| **Claim** | Does not make a claim | Makes a claim that is insufficient to answer the guiding question | Makes a claim that is sufficient to answer the question and is coherent | 4 pts |
| **Evidence** | Does not provide evidence | Provides appropriate evidence but is insufficient to support the claim  or only provides inappropriate evidence that does not support the claim | Provides appropriate and sufficient evidence to support the claim | 4 pts |
| **Reasoning** | Includes 1 or none of the following:   1. Cites sufficient and relevant explanation to support claim/evidence 2. Describes how the cited evidence defends the claim 3. Reader feels compelled to accept your argument | Includes 2 of the following:   1. Cites sufficient and relevant explanation to support claim/evidence 2. Describes how the cited evidence defends the claim 3. Reader feels compelled to accept your argument | Includes all of the following:   1. Cites sufficient and relevant explanation to support claim/evidence 2. Describes how the cited evidence defends the claim 3. Reader feels compelled to accept your argument | 10 pts  #1 4pts  #2 3pts  #3 3pts |
| **Other** | Correct scientific name formatting | | | 2pts |