

Extend the Learning Rubric

Written Proposal · Research Summary · Live Pitch



SCORE

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Not scored in Battle of the Counties. The Battle is judged only on the Build, Board, NPC, and Virtual Tour. Use this rubric for optional classroom extension work.

CRITERIA	1 Emerging	2 Developing	3 Progressing	4 Excelling	PTS
Claim & Purpose <i>What and why</i>	No clear need or proposal is stated.	Names a need or idea, but the proposal or who it serves is vague.	Clearly states the need, the proposal, and who it serves.	A precise, compelling claim that connects the need, the proposal, and its intended impact.	/ 4
Evidence & Sources <i>Research quality</i>	Little or no evidence; no sources cited.	Some evidence, but weakly connected to the claim, or sources are not credible or not cited.	Relevant evidence from the world and at least one credible, cited source support key points.	Multiple credible, well-cited sources are synthesized to justify each major design choice.	/ 4
Perspectives & Reasoning <i>Stakeholders · tradeoffs</i>	Considers only one point of view.	Mentions other stakeholders, but does not explain how they shaped the proposal.	Explains how stakeholder perspectives informed the design and addresses a tradeoff or constraint.	Weighs competing perspectives and tradeoffs thoughtfully and explains why the proposal is the best balance.	/ 4
Organization & Communication <i>Writing · speaking</i>	Hard to follow; errors interfere with meaning.	Some organization; errors or unclear language distract the reader or audience.	Logically organized, with clear language suited to the audience and few errors.	Polished and persuasive; structure, language, and (for pitches) delivery strengthen the argument.	/ 4

Use it for

- **Written Proposal:** score all four criteria.
- **Research Summary:** focus on Evidence & Sources and Perspectives & Reasoning.
- **Live Pitch:** score all four; include delivery under Organization & Communication.

Adjust by grade band

- **3–5:** accept oral responses, drawings with labels, or sentence frames. A tradeoff is optional.
- **6–8:** expect at least one cited source and one stakeholder perspective.
- **9–12:** expect credible external sources and a clearly reasoned tradeoff.