

Student Scientific Analysis and Interpretation (Written Report)						42 points
Scoring Codes						
O = Outstanding		BA = Below Average				
AA = Above Average		NE = No evidence				
A = Average						
	O	AA	A	BA	NE	
Organization						
Title Author(s)	-	1	-	-	0	
Visually appealing, organized	-	1	-	-	0	
Introduction						
Description/introduction to the Critical Zone	4	3	2	1	0	
Background information describing topic for “non-experts” and includes connection to Critical Zone	4	3	2	1	0	
The question students were trying to answer is clearly stated.	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	
Claim						
Student’s claim is clearly stated and answers the question.	4	3	2	1	0	
Evidence						
Graph is clearly displayed with title, axes, and variables labeled.	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	
Trends in the data are clearly described and match those shown in the graph.	6	4.5	3	1.5	0	
Includes an explanation of what the student thinks the data is telling them.	6	4.5	3	1.5	0	
Justification						
Students explain why the data is important for supporting their claim.	6	4.5	3	1.5	0	
Students explain the overarching scientific principles that support their interpretation of the data with respect to their claim and evidence.	6	4.5	3	1.5	0	
	TOTAL _____ / 42					
Comments:						

Student Creative Project						32 points						
Scoring Codes												
O = Outstanding			AA = Above Average			A = Average			BA = Below Average		NE = No evidence	
						O	AA	A	BA	NE		
Project Quality & Organization												
Project demonstrates effort.						6	4.5	3	1.5	0		
Creativity												
The project is interesting, new, or inspired, and makes an original contribution to the field of environmental art and/or communication. <i>Please note: The art can be abstract - creativity and thinking outside of the box is encouraged! Just be sure to include a written or verbal explanation of how it is representing the story of the data.</i>						8	6	4	2	0		
Data Incorporation												
Data is presented in a way that is easily understandable to non-experts.						4	3	2	1	0		
The creative project accurately portrays the data trend that the student identified in their analysis and interpretation.						6	4.5	3	1.5	0		
The creative project references specific data to demonstrate accurate portrayal of the trend (e.g., physical model contains a scale or legend; reference is made to particular data in a poem).						8	6	4	2	0		
						TOTAL _____ / 32						
Comments:												