

Outline Grading Criteria

Format (10 points)

- Alphanumeric sequence
- Proper indentation and alignment
- Logical order of sections
- Brief phrases are used

Introduction Section (15 points)

- Explains reason for topic choice
- Common and Scientific name are included in the proper format
- Area of observation is included
- Photo/video of organism is included

Content Sections (40 points)

- Contains all five subtopics (*Description, Life Cycle/Reproduction, Structure/Function, Energy Ecology, Habitat*)
- Each subtopic contains two subsections at a minimum
- Factual, detailed, and specific information about each subtopic is present

Conclusion Section (15 points)

- Contains 4-6 main points that sum up the main points from the outline

Reference Citation Section (10 points)

- In-text citations used where necessary in the body of the outline and written correctly
- Five references listed in proper APA reference list format on the reference page
- All internal citation references listed on the reference page, and vice versa

Writing Expectations and Scientific Terminology (10 points)

- Outline accurately applies scientific concepts and uses scientific terminology correctly
- Proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation are used throughout