**Bottle Biosphere Experiment Rubric**

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| **Conclusion- Use of Vocab**  *Producer*  *Consumer*  *Decomposer*  *Food web*  *Trophic level*  *Energy flow* | All conclusion questions are answered thoughtfully and scientifically, using all of the vocabulary words and descriptive data to support conclusions. Student makes significant connections to real life situations and applies content knowledge to fully explore the topic. | All conclusion questions are answered in a satisfactory manner and includes most of the vocabulary words and data to support conclusions. Students makes limited connections to real life situations. | Questions are answered, but are brief and provide little insight beyond the basics of the experiment. Some vocabulary words are used and few connections are made to real life situations. | Not all conclusion questions are answered or all questions are given unsatisfactory answers. No further discussion is provided beyond the basics of the experiment. Few vocabulary words are used. | No effort is made to answer the conclusion questions or answers include incorrect answers. |

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