**CER Discussion Guide**

*Purpose: Use this guide to help guide discussion with students as they write a CER response.*

**Claim**

* Does the claim answer the question?
* The claim should only answer the question. Does the claim lack an explanation or reasoning?
* Is the claim more than a “yes” or “no” answer?
* Is the claim a complete sentence?

**Evidence**

* Is each piece of evidence relevant to the claim?
* Is there enough evidence listed to support the claim?
* The evidence should lack an explanation or reasoning. Is each piece of evidence strictly an observation or data from the lab?
* Is the evidence listed specific and not vague or a generalization?

**Reasoning**

* Is there a justification how each piece of evidence supports the claim?
* The reasoning should not simply repeat the evidence. Is there a link between the evidence and claim provided?
* Is the science principle explained why the evidence supports the claim?
* Is the reasoning written in complete sentences?